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FISHING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Although there is no pressing news from the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission and the Fishing Advisory Board, we have been meeting regularly (2/5/81 last meeting). Our fall and early meetings were at once hectic and productive, resulting in a revised permit system, improved enforcement, and agreement on a few improvement projects.

Our last two meetings have been on a "nitty-gritty" level. We have been double-checking procedures, taking a last hard look at our permit approach, and establishing the agenda of future meetings. High among these items in priority are the Advisory Board's desire to discuss increased access, the Commission's desire to explore some long-term concerns, and everyone's insistence on keeping a very sharp eye on how this year's proposals and permit systems work out.

It is very important to state that this joint council continues to work so well together. There is no doubt that the spirit of these interactions is pregnant with cooperation and mutual respect.

These first two years have not only been a period of productive interaction, but an educational experience for members of both groups and I believe that we all now possess a better understanding of each other's problems and points of view. Needless to say, the current atmosphere is a far cry from that which prevailed not too many years ago. I believe that the current cooperative relationship is a credit to General Manager John Sheridan and the Fishing Advisory Board. There is also little doubt in my mind that the employees of the Commission sense this new attitude, as well as understand the positive value of recent agreements. From the Chief of Police to Park Superintendents and office workers, all of us see improvement, cooperation, and changes that in some small measure have made the parks a better place to fish and for the workers, an easier operation to manage.

I wish to commend the members of the Board: John Fritz, Mike Parker, George Hulse and Don Palmer for their hard work, mature approach to discussions, and the credibility that they have helped to establish. I believe that Long Island surf fishermen owe the Board a large thank you.

Yet, this is not the independent action of six people! The Board came into existence in part because surf fishermen were unhappy with existing surf fishing rules, regulations, access, and enforcement. It must, therefore, be true that the Board needs your continuing help and support. How? The members of the Board need your input, ideas, suggestions, and problems. Only in this way can we be well prepared to help you and the L.I.S.P.R.C. towards a better future. We also need to know that you're behind us—not only when we're in conference with the Commission, but also on the beach and at club meetings. All the members of the Board can be easily reached. Mike Parker via L.I.B.B.A.; George Hulse via Great South Beach Mobile Sportfishermen; John Fritz via Farragut, and seemingly every beach, and myself at The Fisherman. Many of you have already communicated with members of the Board and we have found your advice to be extremely useful and valuable.

We recognize that some of you may have special concerns. You may consider those concerns to be so special that they demand a special exposure. The Board considers **no** concerns so special that they aren't appropriate for discussion. Thus, we urge that you contact us concerning ANY and ALL matters. We urge that fishermen work with us within the scope of our established rules.

In the first two years of the Advisory Board's existence, General Manager John Sheridan, Mr. Robert Ott, and Board members have attempted to structure representation on the Board along lines of geographic and major organizational considerations. Therefore, none of the parks should be considered beyond the scope of overview by the Board. These first two years have been productive, but much work lies ahead.

This is a dynamic world and few things remain the same for very long. That Long Island is a crowded place does not help in achieving a long term stagnant condition. Yet, the Board and the Commission believe strongly that we can stabilize both the present and the future so long as we both recognize that the model of management is flexible and responsive to the needs of a complex mix of interest groups and an ever-changing scene. Thus, we must

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Two weeks of mild weather has helped get the flounder season off to an early start. See the article "Flat is Beautiful" for tips on how to take these spring flatties. Photo by Milt Rosko, Jr.

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The Montauk Captains Association is please to announce that their Second Annual Charity Shark Tournament will be held July 11 and 12, 1981 at the Star Island Yacht Club. If last year's event is any indication, the 1981 tournament will again provide Montauk with one of the biggest weekends of the summer.

Last year's M.C.A. tournament netted $16,000 in cash and prizes to both charities involved and contestants. A total of $6000 was donated to the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Fund. Also, the top winners split $6000 in prize money plus an additional $4000 worth of marine equipment and supplies.

This year, the M.C.A. will again donate half of all proceeds to charity. The Heart Fund and Cancer Society will again be recipients along with a local charity, the Montauk Fire Department Ambulance Squad. Anyone involved in the Montauk scene is aware of the fine job these dedicated individuals perform.

Again, the remaining half of all entry fees will go to the contestants as prize money. Marine equipment and supplies donated by various establishments will be raffled off the Saturday of the tournament. It should be noted that the M.C.A. retains no profit whatsoever in this endeavor.

Entries will be limited to 100 boats with a fee of $150 per boat. To ensure that the contest will not become a shark kill, only one fish per day may be weighed in and that one must exceed 100 lbs. All other sharks are to be tagged and released. A special award will be presented to the boat tagging the most fish during the two-day event. Jack Casey, Marine Biologist from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will be on hand coordinating the tagging program and gathering scientific

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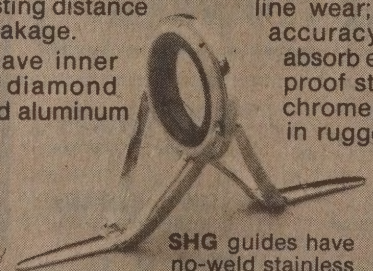

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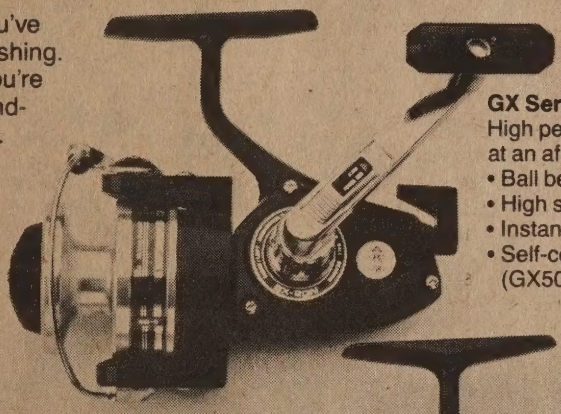

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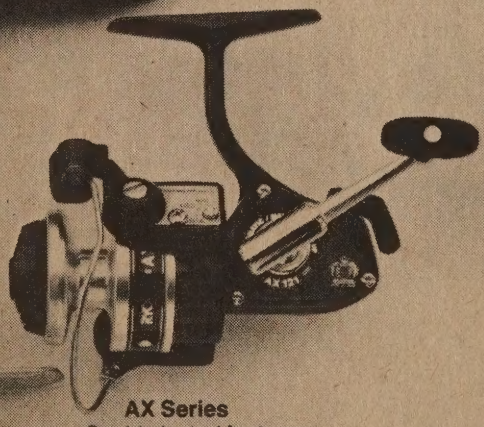

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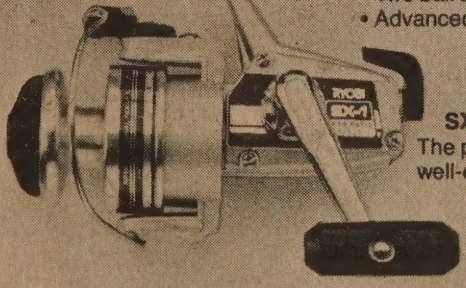

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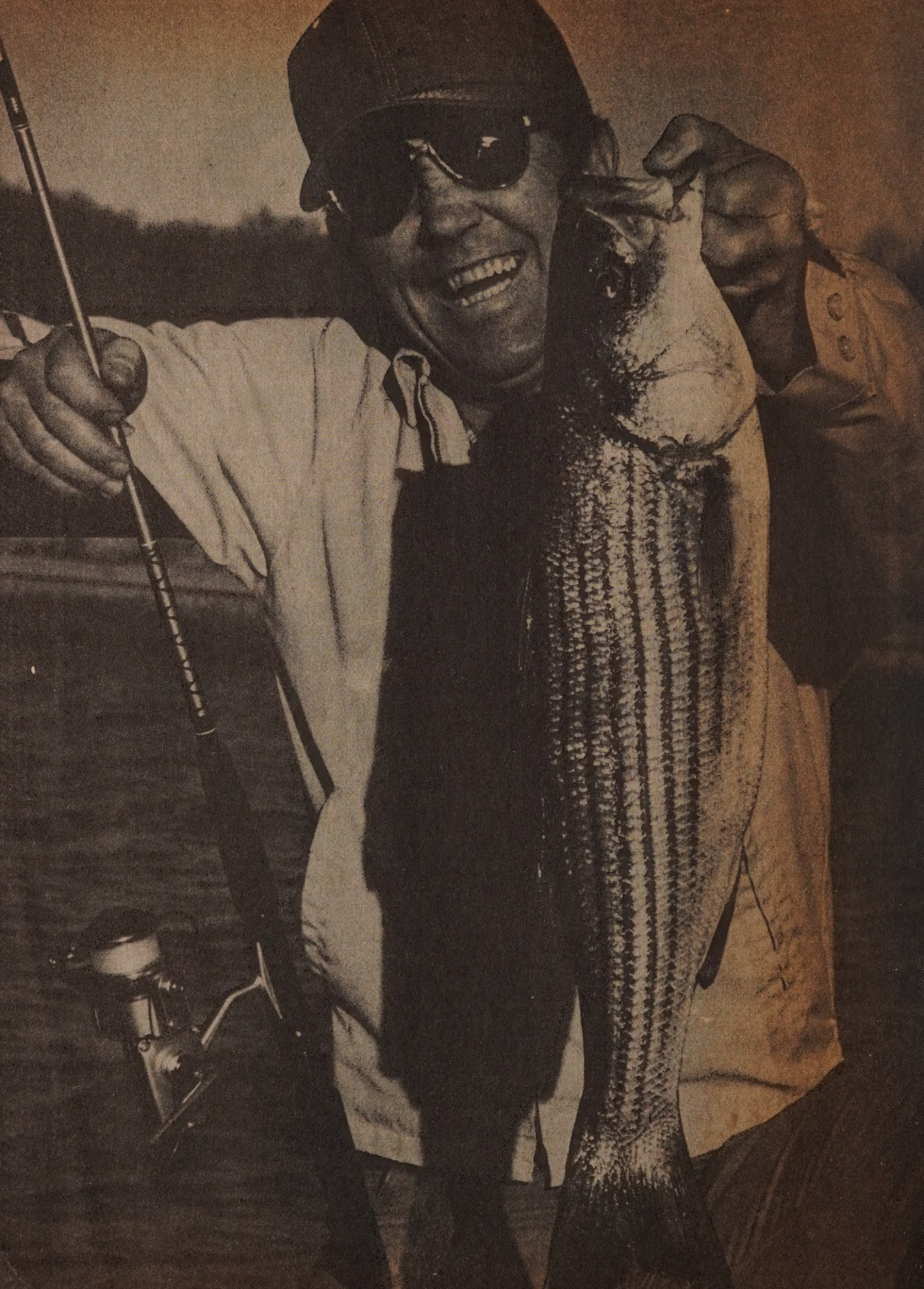

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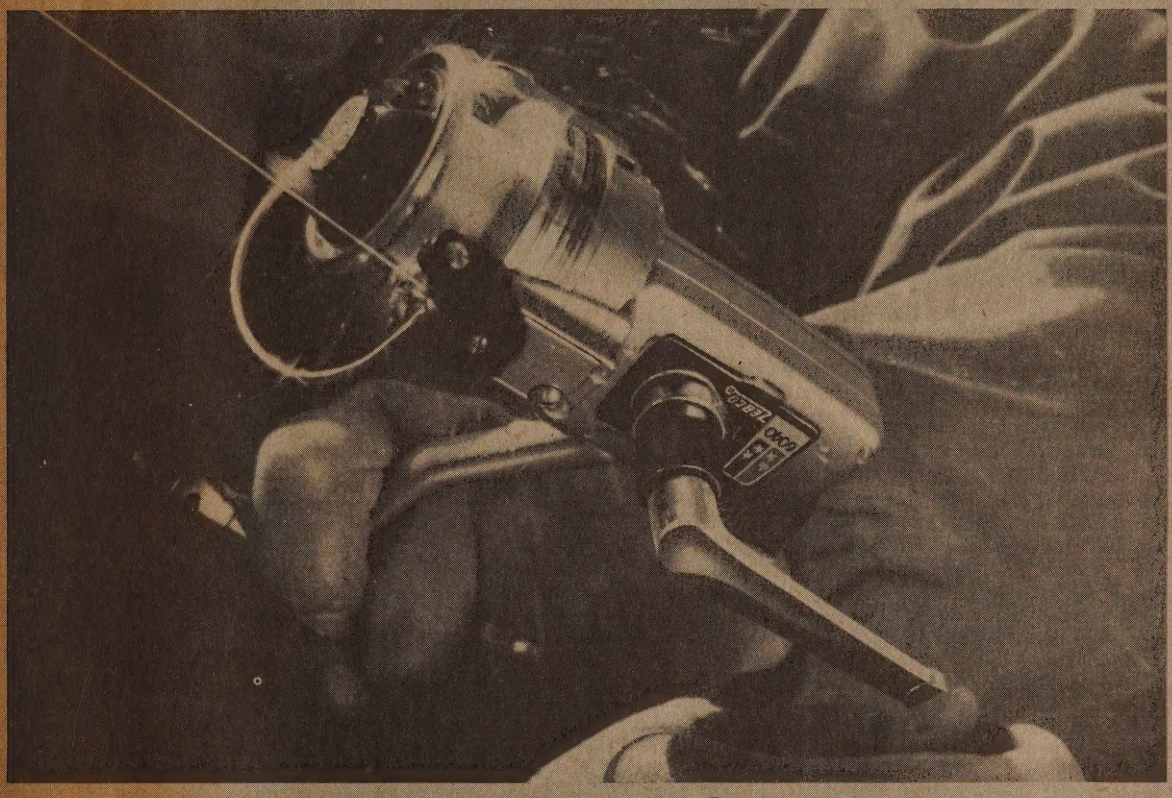

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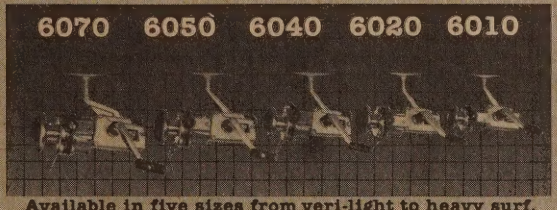

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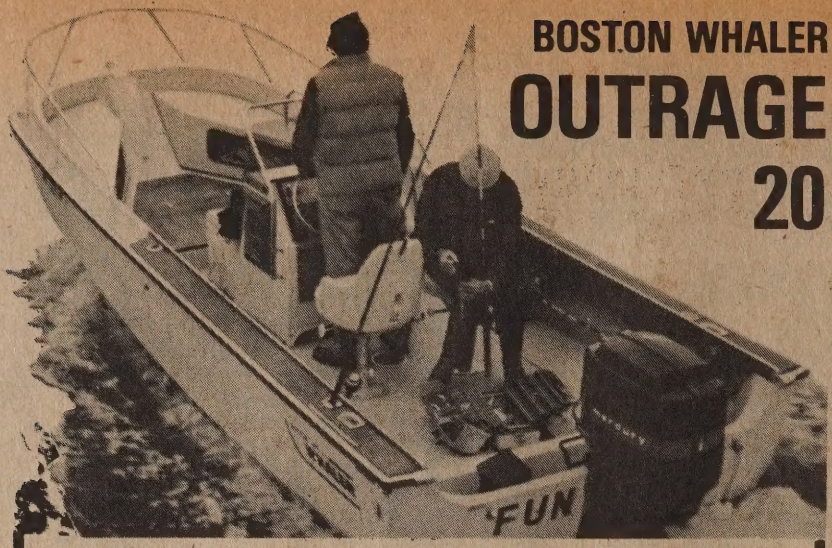

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Save Our Stripers is a non-salaried, volunteer group of concerned fishermen and is the only New York-based coastal organization that has continued to fight for the striped bass sport fishery.

To be able to deal more effectively with the state and Federal bureaucracies, S O S is conducting a massive membership drive. So that they can stand up and be counted, the organization is asking all striper anglers, conservationists and clubs to join up now. Individual membership is $10, and club membership is $25. Checks should be mailed to: Save Our Stripers, Inc., Box 116, Massapequa Park, N.Y. 11762. Provide full name and address.

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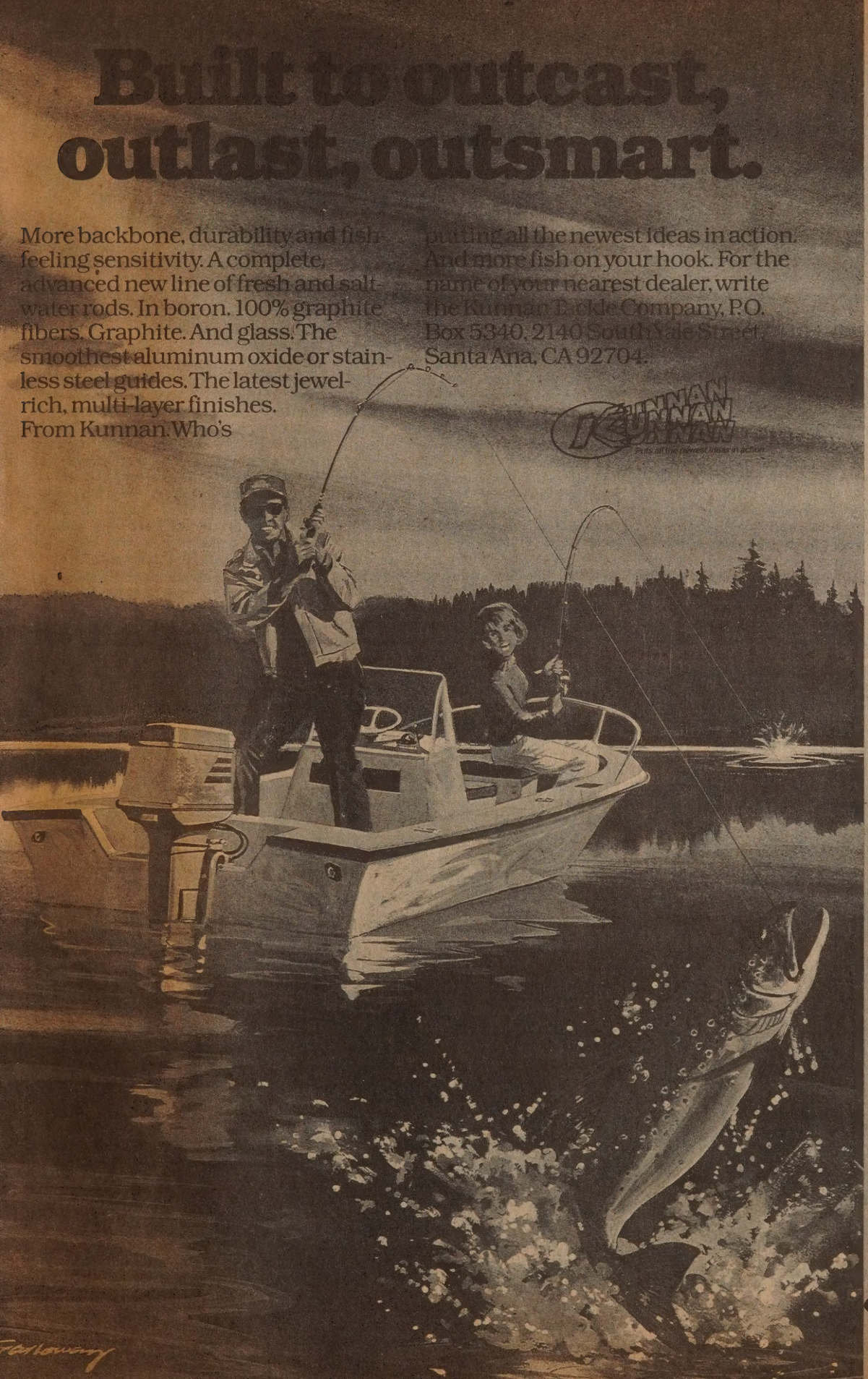

language, piloting, navigation, etc.

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For information, please call either 368-3295 or 234-9179.

CHUM LINES

RE: BOATING SAFETY ARTICLE

I found the article entitled "Boating Safety" (Issue #6) to contain such serious errors and omissions that I felt compelled to set the record straight. The section that requires immediate attention is the Rules of the Road.

Fact: Slow vessel vs. fast vessel *does not* determine privileged or burdened status. A vessel on your starboard side *does not* make it privileged. Sailboats *are not* always privileged or burdened.

1. A crossing situation at right or oblique angles can be most hazardous. From right ahead to two points abaft of beam on the starboard side (112.5°; 112-1/2°; 112°15' or 10 points), this is the arc of light that determines a vessel's status. This is called the danger zone. A power vessel approaching you in that arc of light from your vessel is privileged and shall maintain course and speed. Your duty as the burdened vessel is to go astern of the other vessel, stop, slacken speed or reverse. In all instances when vessel(s) are confused by the other vessel's action (rudder change, signals, etc.), then either vessel shall sound the danger signal and the vessels involved shall either stop, take all way off (neutral) or reverse. Rule of Thumb: If you occasionally see the other vessel's green light, then you are in that gray area of either crossing or overtaking. Then take the position of overtaking, which makes you the burdened vessel.

2. Overtaking: A simple procedure, but generally misunderstood by both the burdened and privileged vessel. The overtaking vessel shall sound the necessary passing signal to be answered by the privileged vessel. One blast X one blast; two blasts X two blasts. This is known as intent and agreement. It is important to note that neither vessel shall crowd; cutoff the other vessel, or pass each other so closely that either vessel will draw the other to her by suction. The burdened vessel will be privileged when she owns the sea before her (considerably in front and clear of).

3. Passing port to port; starboard to starboard—either vessel shall sound the appropriate passing signal and the other vessel will answer with the same signal (intent and agreement). Assuming that both vessels shall clear each other, then a rudder change is not necessary. In the event of a misunderstanding by improper signals or failure by one vessel not to answer, then the danger signal is sounded.

4. Sailing vessels under sail and power shall be considered as power driven vessel and will adhere to the rules governing power boats.

Sailing vessels are not required to sound intent or agreement signals. Sailing vessels overtaking another vessel are burdened. When there is a risk of collision between a sailing vessel and a power vessel, the power vessel shall keep clear. A sailing vessel crossing the bow of a power vessel is privileged. In a narrow channel or fairway a sailing vessel in the crossing situation shall not hamper the safe passage of a steam vessel which can navigate only inside that channel. Sailing vessels under way shall keep out of the way of vessels fishing with nets, lines or trawls. Note: Vessels that fish with rod and reel, hand lines, or trolls (outriggers) do not have any special privileges according to the Rules of the Road. *Capt. Irv Levine.*

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tise. Unfortunately, inaccuracies do slip past us on occasion. Fortunately, you, our readers are usually quick to let us know about them. Fred Golofaro.

CLUB NEWS

WILLIS FISHING CLUB SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Willis Fishing Club recently installed its officers for the new year. Joe Stacey was installed as President; Roland Donohue, Vice President; Artie Heitman, Secretary; Henry Paulsen, Treasurer, and Joe Owczarek, Chief of the Boat.

The Willis Fishing Club is a small club located in Albertson which is in the vicinity of Mineola and Roslyn. Our fishing activity is limited to four or five charter trips a year, which are open to guests as well as members.

The Club is actively seeking new members. One does not have to be an experienced fisherman to join. An interest in fishing and enjoying a day in the fresh air is all that is required. Anyone interested in joining the club should call our president, Joe Stacey on weekdays between the hours of 9AM and 5PM at 516-746-9604.

OAKDALE SPORTSMENS CLUB

At their February 5 meeting, the Oakdale Sportsmens Club installed the following as officers for the 1981 year:

President—Bruce Bandes; Vice President—Charlie Johnsen; Secretary—Ted Woest; Treasurer—Ron Reed and Corr. Secretary—Walt Ghiorsi.

Fisherman of the Year was captured by Jim Butler. Captain of the Year went to Steve Goldner for the second year in a row. Our Best Fish of the Year was a 355 lb. Swordfish caught by Rick Buechmann aboard the Captain of the Year's boat, the Obsession. The fish also broke the existing club record of 200 lbs. set just last year.

The following is a listing of the club records that were set during the 1980 season. A great year, to say the least.

Long fin albacore, 68, Larry Oehler.
Big-eye tuna, 350, Mike Plaia
Fluke, 14.8, Jim Butler
Kingfish, 2.2, Ray Holst
Pollack, 31.12, Jim Butler
Swordfish, 355, Rick Buechmann
Wahoo, 40, Steve Goldner
Weakfish, 12.4, Larry Oehler
White perch, 2lb, Jim Butler
Yellowfin tuna, 132, Ed Farace

CAUSEWAY FISHING CLUB

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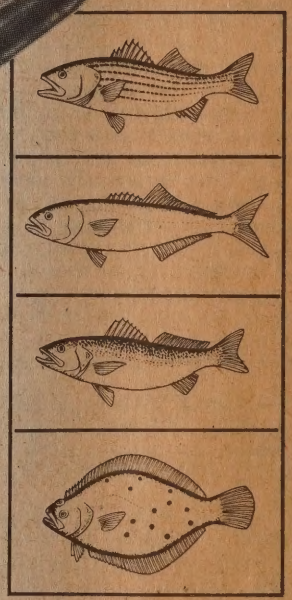

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job in the surf this year. Eileen Carroll won the awards in the Junior Category.

The new officers are: President: W. Walsh; Vice Pres.: Steve Thoung; Sec: Bruce Fradl; Contest Chairman: George Frost, and Treasurer: W. Czaikowski.

The club consists mostly of surf fishermen and is open to new members. Anyone interested, please contact W. Walsh, 279 Oceanside Pkway., Oceanside, N.Y. 11572.

EMPIRE STRIPER ASSN. HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER

The Empire Striper Assn. of Rockaway Beach held its Annual Dinner at the Boundy Inn on January 17. A good time was had by all.

The members, their wives, and guests greeted the 1981 officers:

President: John Hetzel; Vice Pres.: Joe McNamara; Secretary: Charlie Marquartdt; Corres. Sec.: John Prat, and Treasurer: Bill Hopt.

GLEN COVE ANGLERS HOLD AWARDS CEREMONY

The Glen Cove Anglers held their Awards Dinner Dance on February 21. Angler of the Year was Pete Bailey.

Largest bass award: 49.13, Art Miller. Largest bluefish: Bill Martin; Largest weakfish: Pete Bailey. Largest blackfish: Angi DeMeo; largest fluke: Pete Bailey; largest flounder: Tom Bunce and Angi DeMeo.

Ladies Division—largest bluefish: Cathy Bailey. Largest blackfish: Mary DeMeo.

There were many other cash awards to well deserving fishermen.

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It was a night of friendship and fun and all attending had a great time.

MERRICK ROD & GUN CLUB

The Merrick Rod & Gun Club held its annual Installation Dinner-Dance on February 28 at the Massapequa American Legion Hall.

New Club officers for 1981 are as follows:

President: Paul Kimbley
Vice Pres.: Kevin Meehan
Treasurer: Bob Murphy
Rec. Secy.: Phil Ferrante
Financial Secy.: Henry Augustine
NRS Secy.: Gordon Carter
Sergeant of Arms: Bill Heide
Trustees: Bill Luther, Bill Richko and Dan Robinson.

Outstanding Fisherman of 1980 was Ed Curtis.

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FISH TALK

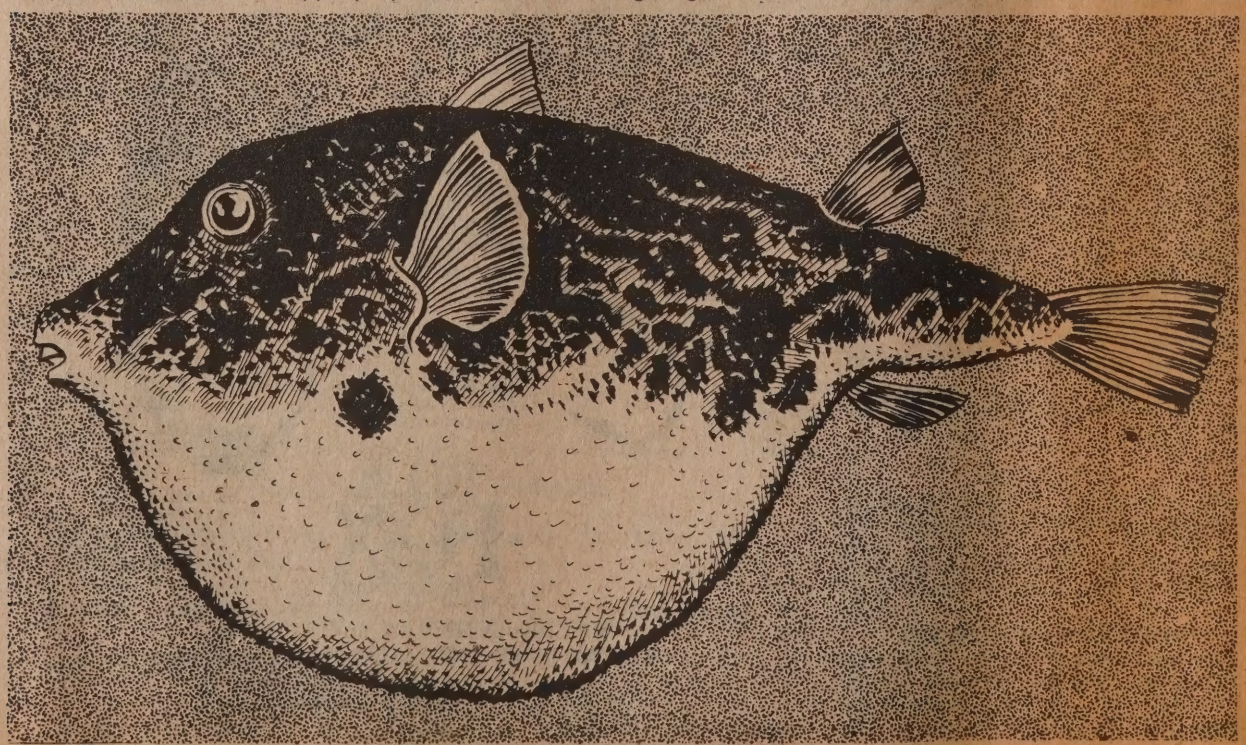
FISHY PARADOX

by William A. Muller

FISH IN CANCER RESEARCH. The following example of fish being used in cancer research is not the only example by any means, but it is an interesting example. It also demonstrates how many different angles are being looked at in order to get a handle on this complex disease condition known as cancer. Cancer is an uncontrolled growth of cells and many years ago many folks thought of cancer as one disease. Today we know that this isn't so and that cancer is a composite term for many diseases. Some forms of cancer, for example, have been linked strongly with viruses as causative agents, others to exposure to chemicals, aging has been implied as part of the process, and in one case, a worm has been linked to bladder cancer in the Middle East. We know that excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation (that part of the sun's spectrum that causes sunburn) can lead to skin cancer too, and so there are many ways of looking at this condition we call cancer. Fish have figured in some of the research. Take, for example, the amazon molly. This is a small fish that is common in southern climates. This species is unique in that there are apparently almost no males, only females. Well, over the years a couple of males have been found, but they are rare indeed. Development of the eggs is triggered by the presence of sperm from other closely related species. This fact becomes very important in research because it means that all the offspring from a given individual will be genetically identical to the mother (since there will be no genes contributed from the father's sperm). The fish are thus genetically identical and tissue and cell transfers can be easily made without any of the normal interference from rejection mechanisms. An analogy would be that if the above genetic condition were true of humans, we could transplant any and all organs from one person to the next without any difficulty whatsoever.

INVESTIGATE MUTATION AND DNA DAMAGE. Thus, this little known fish can come into its own as a mechanism for investigating mutation (spontaneous genetic changes) and DNA damage. Both situations can lead to cancer. There isn't any real reason to get into the details of the research done by scientists at Brookhaven, but suffice it to say that they settled on investigating ultraviolet radiation which is established as a cause of skin cancer in humans. They exposed molly cells to ultraviolet and then transplanted them into otherwise cancer-free molly fish. The host fish developed cancers. In another study, the cells exposed to ultraviolet were exposed to normal light before transplantation into healthy fish. It was found that exposure of these cells to visible normal light causes the cells to release a special enzyme that allows the cells to repair the damage done by the ultraviolet radiation. Therefore, when the ultraviolet-exposed cells were also exposed to normal light to stimulate the production of the enzyme, the host fish did not develop cancers.

IMPLICATIONS. The significance of this study should be obvious. If we can identify why cancers occur and then if we can understand some of the natural mechanisms by which living things defend against cancers, then if we can learn to use this information to treat human cancers, we can make important progress against cancer. Who knows, maybe tomorrow it will be discovered that striped bass could be extremely useful in cancer research and then maybe we'll get fast



action to protect natural East Coast stocks.

DUBIOUS PUFFERS. In the Old Testament, the Jewish people warned against the consumption of shellfish and scaleless fish. The reasons for this dietary law was that scaleless fish can be poisonous and shellfish can harbor tiny microscopic organisms (a species of dinoflagellate) and this organism produces very powerful toxins; toxins strong enough to kill humans. Deuteronomy 14:9-10. "These ye shall eat: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat; and whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it is unclean to you." Today we know more about avoiding some fish: they are poisonous in their own right. Take, for example, the lowly puffer fish. Puffer fish are members of the family of fish called **Tetradonotidae.**

SPECIFICALLY PUFFERS. Beyond the warning of the Bible, there have been a number of specific warnings about the puffer. Why? Because the fish has some toxic parts. The poison results from the normal metabolism of the fish that converts ingested food into poisonous substances. The skin, liver, ovaries, and intestines are the most toxic, but the musculature can be toxic too. The highest toxicity seems to occur just prior to the reproductive season. However, toxic levels within a given fish can vary and between fish as well. One puffer might kill you, while another will produce no ill effects. This situation is similar in some ways to barracuda. When we first caught barracuda down south, we were surprised to find the natives were eager to take them for eating purposes. We had heard that they were poisonous. Early on we were given an explanation that not everybody agrees with. They say that if the 'cuda comes from on the reef, it will be good to eat; while if it comes from the open ocean it will be poisonous. We noticed that the native people did not eat any 'cuda until the fish passed the fly test. They cut the fish down the middle and let it hang outside. If they notice flies coming and sitting on the flesh, then they know it's good to eat; while if the flies stay away they know the fish is poisonous. Interesting?

HOW DOES THE POISON WORK? Puffer poison affects the muscles of the respiratory system. As the poison progresses, the breathing becomes progressively shallower and the heart beat becomes very faint. The muscles simply lose their ability to contract. Unfortunately, there is no known antidote for this poison, although some victims have been reported to recover. Puffer fish are quite common in the oceans of the world and are considered by some to be a great delicacy. The Japanese consider them so, and they grow tremendous tonnage of the puffers on fish farms each year. On Long Island we also relish them as table fare. Puffers (blowfish) used to be available in great numbers in Long Island waters and were important as a recreational and a commercial species. The largest commercial catch was made in 1945. In that year about 2.5 million pounds went to market. By contrast, the 1979 catch was only 2,000 lbs. in New York State. Recreational fishermen know how scarce the species has been.

SHOULD WE EAT NORTHERN PUFFER? Northern puffer (**Sphoeroides maculatus**) has been enjoyed as "chicken of the sea" on Long Island for longer than any of us can remember. But should we eat this fish? Well, along with the folks at New York Sea Grant, who supplied the information for this piece, we offer the following quote. According to Christopher Smith, Sea Grant Specialist, the best advice comes from an author writing in 1880. "Although there are many occupations in the world, some people engage in stealing instead of entering one of them. Although there are many women in the world, there are some men who become adulterers instead of marrying the women. Although there are many kinds of foods in the world, some people like to eat poisonous puffer instead. These three groups of people make up an extremely stupid trio." Interesting quotation and food for thought, although I do believe the author was being both a little too simplistic and harsh.

EAT THE TAILS! Most folks here on Long Island have come up with what seems to be a reasonable way to approach puffer fish as food. That is, we eat the tails and throw away the rest of the fish. Now, I've eaten a lot of blowfish tails and I have seen a lot of them eaten and yet in all the years, I have never known anyone to become ill or die from eating the tails. From the information available, it seems that the toxicity of the fish not only varies with season, but from one part of the ocean to the other. Here on Long Island, blowfish are a much sought after species and they have been rather scarce in recent years. However, the cycles of the sea can almost always be counted on to provide for a change and so sooner or later the blowfish will return to our waters in some abundance. Should we eat blowfish? If any of you out there have any information on this topic, write in and tell us all about it. If there is a real danger, we'd like to know before we poison ourselves.

BY THE WAY! Incidentally, we'd be remiss if we didn't take a second of your time to mention that in eating fish it is a good idea to stay away from visceral parts. The vertebrate liver is a marvelous device that handles all the toxic junk we consume and renders it harmless. Therefore, poisons can concentrate there even if the species isn't toxic all by itself. PCBs in bass are highest in concentration in the liver. In general, it's best to eat the muscle and leave the guts to...whatever?

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NATIONAL SCENE

NEW TUNA AMENDMENT

by Al Ristori

The National Coalition for Marine Conservation (NCMC) reports in a recent issue of "Right Rigger" that it is drafting a bill which would include all tunas in the 200-Mile Limit Law. An initial attempt to do this last year was amended to cover only the Atlantic bluefin tuna. That bill came up against a tie vote in the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, and the eventual compromise reached only called for 100% observer coverage (which has not been carried out by the National Marine Fisheries Service) and an informal agreement by the Japanese to lower their giant tuna catch from 8,000 to 7,000.

That compromise didn't look too good at the time, and it looks a lot worse now that the Japanese seem to be "twisting the knife" a bit by taking large catches of medium bluefins to make up for the giants they gave up. The one positive aspect of the legislative battle last spring was the fact that we did come close to beating the powerful West Coast tuna lobby. Representative John Murphy (D-Staten Is.), who engineered the "compromise" as chairman of the Committee last year, was swept out with the ABSCAM tide—and we'll have a different power structure to work with this year. Representative Walter Jones (whose district covers the North Carolina coastline) is the new chairman, and Representative Mario Biaggi (D-NY) could well be a key factor for us in his position as Vice-Chairman.

The Coalition plans to pull out all stops in getting a bill passed this year that will bring all tunas under our jurisdiction—not just the Atlantic bluefin. While it's the latter species of tuna that we're primarily interested in, the problem of control over the Japanese longliners and their big by-catch will not be solved until all tunas are included in the 200-Mile Limit. The coalition bill will provide for fishery council control of the tunas, with NMFS being permitted to continue management until such time as the Council plans are approved. Membership in the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) will continue in order that the U.S. may cooperate in a program of international conservation of these oceanic stocks.

An ever-expanding fishery for the increasingly valuable tunas makes the passage of this legislation imperative. Domestic longline fisheries are building up rapidly, and even the giant tuna by-catch they're allowed could have a significant impact on the stocks. We can also expect more effort on yellowfin and big-eye tunas in the canyons, which could threaten the present outstanding fishery that's developed for those deep-water species.

Few Protests About Billfish Bag Limits

The draft Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Billfishes issued by the South Atlantic Council last year has drawn surprisingly little negative comment to its provision establishing bag limits for the various billfish. There was a good deal of opposition to this while I was involved with formulation of the plan as the Mid-Atlantic Council representative to the South Atlantic's Intercouncil Billfish Advisory Committee. Since statistics indicate that seventy percent of marlin and sailfish caught by U.S. anglers are released, there really is no biological reason to impose the restriction of "one sailfish, one spearfish and one blue marlin or one white marlin per person per calendar day." Though this would rarely be an imposition on the average angler (who would consider himself lucky just to catch one of these per day), it could be a problem in tournaments. Most sailfish tournaments are set up as release contests with observers, but marlin tournaments usually require the fish on the dock for weighing.

Since the biological basis for this requirement hasn't been established, I still question whether this is the best way to go. The relatively small number of marlin put on the dock in tournaments during the year is of such minor significance in terms of the stock (I'm sure the Japanese longliners kill more by mistake than domestic anglers do intentionally), that I still feel my original proposal to the Inter-Council Billfish Steering Committee was a better one. That proposal (decisively defeated) would have banned the **waste** of any billfish. Any billfish brought ashore would have to be utilized for food or mounting. That would put the onus on the tournaments to ensure that the fish were provided as food to worthy institutions—and not dumped at sea or in a garbage dump!

According to "Right Rigger," one member of the Committee claimed the bag limit provision was just thrown in to get angler reaction—and they've been surprised at the lack of response. If you have a comment, direct it to Dr. Jackson Davis, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Southpark Building, Suite 306, 1 Southpark Circle, Charleston, SC 29407. The comment period remains open until March 20.

Swordfish Gillnetters May Be Back

The latest information available to the National Coalition is that they may have been a little premature in declaring the swordfish gillnetting experiment by three California boats off New England last summer to be a bust. Yankee swordfishermen have reported to the New England Council that two of the boats actually did very well, though they reported their catches as harpooned fish. The nets were hauled in the morning and then they'd harpoon all day—aided by spotter planes. According to these reports, the gillnets were also catching porpoises, pilot whales, sharks and yellowfin tuna.

The local swordfishermen are afraid not only that the California boats will return this summer, but that much of the New Bedford fleet will also switch over for the kill. The groundfish market is very weak during the summer, and this could be a way to make a quick buck—even though the impact on the resource could be very negative. The New England Council is now taking up this matter with the South Atlantic Council, which has the responsibility for preparation of the swordfish management plan.

Beach Buggies Get A Break At Fire Island

There was at least some good news in the flurry of last minute actions taken by the Carter Administration as it went out of office. The United Mobile Sportsfishermen, a coalition of beach buggy associations from Maine to North Carolina, praised President Carter's signature of a bill designating an eight-mile stretch of Fire Island as a Federal Wilderness. The reason for their enthusiasm is that the boundary-defining vehicular exclusion was drawn at the "toe" or edge of the dunes rather than at the tide line. Now they're hoping for adoption of the same rule at the Cape Cod National Sea Shore and the proposed Currituck Outer Banks National Wildlife Refuge.

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SURF FISHING

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by John Fritz

Countless words have been written instructing novice fishermen on how to enhance their fish-catching abilities. New lures enter the market each season, but the theories on the type lure to use and the natural conditions deemed the most beneficial for catching fish in a precise location have their origins somewhere in the distant past. These guidelines have been faithfully passed down through the years so that many principles relating to surf fishing are treated as gospel.

Everyone knows that an onshore wind will push the bait closer to the beach, thus improving the fishing for a shore-bound angler. Ask a Montauk regular and he will tell you that the best time to fish North Bar is on outgoing water. How many times have you heard that game fish become more active feeders in the surf after dark or seen an angler leave his place on the beach because he felt the water level was too low? Dark plugs on dark nights, of course, with the retrieve held to a crawl. The list could go on, but I just want to point out a few generalities which anglers fishing the surf for any length of time adhere to.

I'm sure there is a basis in fact, plus a great deal of common sense, behind all the principles relating to surf fishing. Alas, there is one major flaw in all this reasoning and that is that the stupid fish do not read the same books as the fishermen. Therefore, I am dedicating this article to further their education and will point out some of their inexcusable mistakes—all of which I have been unfortunate enough to be a part of in the past few years after spending many seasons of hard work learning the finer points of surf fishing. I will not attempt to explain the reason for the fishes behavior in any of these incidents, but would rather hope that they will mend their ways. At the very least, I would like to prepare the reader for some of their habits should they encounter any such trickery in the future.

Probably the most aggravating incident, in a long list of annoying episodes, occurred one late spring night at Cape Cod. The trip had been planned for the new moon period and according to our information, the bass were hitting best on the Rebel-teaser combination. Coupled with the dark of the moon was a series of overcast nights where even the tip of the rod was completely lost in the blackness. In preparation for a night's fishing under such conditions, we spent some time in the afternoon spray painting some of our older Rebels black. Later that night, after an hour or so of fruitless casting and painstakingly slow retrieves, I became aware that my buddy, Vito, was taking fish fairly consistently. After another hour, during which I don't think I landed a fish, I finally eased my way over to Vito and asked what he was using that produced the action. His answer went against two basic fundamentals of surf fishing, for he had changed to a light colored plug, plus increased the rate of retrieve considerably. The amazing end to this story is that when I used this technique it worked.

Mid-October was fast approaching with only sporadic showings of fish in the Cedar/Gilgo area. Montauk was producing regularly for those willing to endure the strain of fishing under the Light. The north shore waterfront was quiet, with the lone exception being the Southold beaches where a few blues were being taken on bait. Most surfmen were lamenting the need of a storm to stir things up. This particular day broke with blustery northwest winds coupled with a sharp drop in temperatures. A check of the tide table showed everything was perfect for a trip to Southold. The occasional blues taken on bait indicated that the fish were present; maybe this onshore wind would turn the fish on to hitting plugs. The journey was made, the blues were there and on top, but except for one swift pass along the beach, they stayed well out of casting range. Upon returning home, I was greeted with several phone messages all stating that they had blitzed the blues at Cedar, the opposite shore from where they were supposed to show.

Fishing the Lighthouse area of Montauk during the fall run can be a demanding way to pursue the sport of surfcasting. If it is the only game in town, it makes the competition for the limited number of available rocks that much greater. The practice of arriving two or three hours ahead of time in order to reserve a favorable location was bothersome, but the opportunity to catch some decent fish forces many anglers to extremes during prolonged periods of scarcity. The plan was to fish the incoming water under the Light, take a break for some coffee and then try North Bar on the preferred ebb tide. The first part of the plan produced only mediocre results which were grudgingly accepted as the fortunes encountered when surf casting. What was difficult to swallow was that no fish were taken in the outgoing rip at North Bar, the several fish caught were all hooked on the flooding tide while we were plugging under the Light without much success.

Game fish are more active feeders in the surf at night—right? Wrong! Well, on certain occasions anyway. In past years, the better bluefishing at Cedar was being done after dark or before dawn. As the sky brightened with approaching sunrise, the fishing died. During this past season the best action at Cedar was to be had during the daylight hours for as soon as the sun set, the fast-paced activity we enjoyed ceased completely. Why do the early season weakfish on a local north shore beach stop feeding at sundown or the school bass further east wait for sunup before they will hit a lure? I'm not complaining for I have nothing against getting a decent night's sleep and fishing in the dark does complicate matters slightly, but this pattern only holds true in a few instances.

The next case involves weakfish during an early summer trip to a north shore beach. While we were plugging fruitlessly for several hours trying every plug in the bag under a wide variety of retrieves, we became aware that a boat slowly trolling worms a short distance beyond our casting range was taking fish on every pass it made. After giving up in disgust without taking a single fish we decided that the next night we would return prepared with several dozen sandworms. Although neither of us was overjoyed at the need to fish bait on fish we had previously plugged, if that was what was needed to catch fish, so be it. Upon our return the following night, we found conditions identical, but after an hour-and-a-half without a touch my partner decided to try plugging. Within a few minutes his low call alerted me to get in the water for he had a strike. The evening wound up with four of us, two on either side of the baited rods which we left in the water, plugging fish for several hours. After the action ceased, we reeled in the baited rods to find the sandworms untouched.

One calm, fall afternoon I arrived at the beach hours ahead of the time I

intended to start fishing. The plan was to start fishing the incoming water around sunset with live eels. During the fall run anything can happen along the shore which was the reason for my early arrival but I did not expect to witness the event which followed. The water and wind were calm as I stopped the buggy alongside the bar to add some water to the eel bucket. The low tide permitted me to wade a considerable distance off the beach where I could see that there was a significant quantity of weed in the murky water. I did not pay too much attention to the lone angler a short distance down the beach believing that a combination of low water and bright sun made fishing at this time senseless. Even when I saw him struggling with a bent rod I presumed the person to be hauling in a load of seaweed, that is until a bass in the high forties was slid onto the sand.

This notion that the water is too low to accommodate any decent size game fish is difficult to put aside. It has been disproved many times through the years, the latest incident occurred last October under a bright sun with calm, clear surf conditions when a weakfish of approximately eight pounds, was seen swimming just behind the curl of the six inch waves. The water depth was barely sufficient to cover the dorsal fin, but the fish was not spooked nor was it chasing bait, just lazily cruising the shallows going about its business. Scarcely an hour later a teen-sized bluefish almost swam between an angler's legs while he was waded knee deep on the Cedar bar. On many occasions I have seen game fish in a frenzy while pursuing bait enter the wash but in these two instances nothing resembling a blitz was taking place.

Have you ever given up in disgust when no matter what method or lure was tried there was no feeling that the lure was working? Well, we were fishing under Montauk's famous Light once again. Early in the evening before the northwest wind increased to almost gale force, we had been taking weakfish on the white Gibbs darter. With the strong winds creating a large wind loop in direct conflict with the flooding tide, it was difficult to keep tension on the line whereby one had the feeling that the plug was working in the correct manner. The first change was to a Super Strike darter, then the Super Strike bottle and lastly the Gibbs bottle, the thought being that the progressively larger lip would take a deeper bite into the water. All the while I was trying to find a plug which I felt was working correctly Rich was continuing to land fish. My inquiry confirmed that he was still using the Gibbs darter. When asked if he felt the plug working the answer was that he felt nothing until the fish had taken the lure.

In more or less the same concept there are approved ways of working specific plugs. True if no fish are being taken using conventional methods experimentation is called for but some of the extremes border on the absurd. Did you ever fish a Rebel floater tied off a lead sinker? How about jerking a bottle plug across the top of the water? Swimming a popping plug is a fairly common practice but catching fish by allowing it to sink? All of which only proves that your imagination should not be governed by what is deemed as common sense.

No doubt you've heard of the phrase, "match the hatch." This is one reason for the recent popularity of the teaser. Whether the Red Gill or feathers they are an attempt at imitating the sand eel which has predominated the bait supply the past few years. It seems that this is another theory proven false on at least a few occasions by contrary game fish.

The weakfish and small blues were feeding on sand eels, that fact was proven. A selection of slim tins, such as the J-8, J-5 and D-5 would seem to be the correct lure to use. Unfortunately for some of us the hot lure of this particular occasion was the Kastmaster or the Shorty Hopkins. Maybe those lures resembled pregnant sand eels?

With schools of mullet, sand eels and spearing passing down the beach the prime bait for enticing giant bluefish was live eels. Just one more question: what similarity does a yellow darter have to a school of snappers?

One theory has it that when fishing over a sandy bottom on fish feeding on sand eels a red tube or red eel worm best simulates the live bait. How does one account for the fact that under the above conditions a tin with a red tube caught nothing while a tin adorned with a green tube produced many school bass.

The list of instances where long-believed concepts of surf fishing have misled the angler is unending. Whether this is sufficient reason to completely disregard the book I do not believe. Sure, there are exceptions to any rule and that is one reason why fishing is the great sport that it is. Our only problem is to make the fish adhere to the rules a bit more diligently.

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SPRING FLOUNDER BASICS

by Matt Ahern

Four years ago I wrote a flounder fishing article entitled "The Man With The Golden Touch." I told of the experiences I encountered while trying to out-flounder my buddy Nick Hauck, a fisherman who possesses what many refer to as the Midas touch. Ordinarily I have little difficulty holding my own with Nick when we go fluke fishing, or when we pick away at the bay blackfish, but when flounder fishing—forget it. In the forty-plus years Nick and I have spent chasing flounder together, I've occasionally kept even, and once—wonder of wonders—I managed to outfish him; but this was only because he was out of breath or something that morning.

Naturally, when flounder fishing with someone like Nick, fellows like me soon realize that, try as we might, never will that magic touch be ours. We may not fall by the wayside as often as we once did, but we'll never outfish such fishermen.

I know these seem like foolish words to some, but they are true enough. Here, for instance, is an example of what I mean.

A few years ago, Nick and I were spring flounder fishing from a skiff anchored over a fish-producing piece of mud bottom. This spot lies south of Reynold's Channel proper, in eighteen feet of water, and is approximately a thousand feet west of the Island Park/Long Beach railroad trestle, and no more than a hundred feet out from the Long Beach shore line. It was late April, the morning cloudy with intermittent sprinkles of warm rain. We found the fishing good, as it generally is in this spot. But this is so only if we make it a point to wait until the end of April or the beginning of May before fishing it. Before that time, the area is completely barren of flounder.

As usual, Nick was up to his old tricks of catching three fish to my one. But since I had long ago learned that this was par for the course when we chased flounder together, I took it in stride. Along about ten o'clock, Nick turned to me and said: "Notice anything different from last week?"

"Yeah," I replied. "The weather's rotten. Last week it was nice and sunny. Keep talking; it'll give me a chance to catch up."

He impaled a fresh piece of bloodworm on his bottom hook. "Haven't you noticed most all our fish are deep-hooked?"

Snow on the ground doesn't mean you can't catch flounder.

"Oh, that. Sure I noticed it. So?"

He lowered his rig to the bottom. "Did you bother to ask yourself why? I didn't think so. Well," he continued, priming himself for one of his fish-catching spiels, "the next time we fish on a day like this—cloudy, rainy, east wind—be sure to check that barometer before you leave the house. If it's below thirty inches of pressure, you'll find most of our flounder will be deep-hooked like these. Which means that if you put on bigger pieces of bait, you'll do better...come to papa," he said, reeling in yet another deeply-hooked flounder.

Now—how are you going to beat that type of fisherman? Truly, for such fellows, the game is theirs.

But this doesn't mean that we "ordinary" sinker bouncers must take a back seat to fishermen such as Nick Hauck. Flounder aren't all that difficult to catch once the important basics are known. That's the nice thing about flounder fishing: with a little know-how, flounder are indeed most cooperative. It is only when the chips are down and flounder turn finicky that trouble begins. But there's no way around that except for those who have much experience. And even then there are times when such experience doesn't yield a bit of help. After all, no man knows all there is to know about fishing—and he never shall; which is something we all should be thankful for.

So with that in mind, let's take a quick rundown on the important basics beginning flounder fishermen should know. If you are in this category, the suggestions which follow will put flounder in your bucket. They have never failed me.

Fortunately, tackle for flounder is simple and inexpensive. A light to medium-weight spinning rod equipped with a matching, open-face spinning reel filled with six to eight pound test monofilament will be found to be ideal. With this light line, you can use bank type sinkers from on to two ounces. A regular medium-weight conventional bay rod and matching reel can also be used, but more enjoyment is obtained with the

lighter spinning tackle.

The fisherman who knows his terminal tackle, especially hooks, is the one most likely to put fish in his bucket. The hook must be suited to the fish. Codfish have occasionally been caught on flounder hooks, but the amount of flounder caught on cod hooks is small indeed.

Most fishermen use standard flounder hooks, known as long-shanked Chestertowns—numbers eight to ten being acceptable. Some fishermen, including myself, use #6 regular-shanked Sproats. I'm sure you've heard of suicide hooks...well, the #6 Sproat is a suicide hook for flounder. I stopped using Chestertowns over fifty years ago. A word to the wise is sufficient. If interested, and you are having trouble locating these small hooks, send to Midland Tackle Company, 66 Route 17, Sloatsburg, New York 10974 for a free catalog. You will also find snelling material listed. Even a knot-tying gadget. Use these small hooks for flounder and watch your catch increase.

Forget flounder spreaders. They are simply a nuisance. Instead, tandem-tie your rig in this manner. Use two hooks and bend the snell of one at its middle; pass this through the knotted loop of the second hook. This second hook is then passed through the first fold, pulled tightly, and secured with an overhand knot. Simple to do, but practice a few times before you go out. Hooks must be on bottom to consistently catch flounder and this rig will do just that. Place about two inches above your sinker by forming a one inch loop in the main line, preferably with a double-over-hand knot.

Flounder have small, toothless mouths and because of this, favor soft foods such as worms and shrimp, plus mussels and clams in their infant state. You'll find most success comes when using the softest baits possible. Small flounder relish tough baits such as fresh, lively bloodworms. But when these worms become soft and lifeless, you will notice your catch of larger fish increasing—especially at the beginning of the season. This is why mussel and clam produce big fish: the softer the bait, the greater its appeal.

Most beginning fishermen take note of the flounder's small mouth and make the natural mistake of using small pieces of bait. But don't be misled. Any decent-sized flounder can inhale a bait an inch-and-a-half long. Indeed, this size seems to attract the larger fish.

Flounder may become fussy feeders at any time, but if you put a piece of worm on one hook and a slice of soft clam (or mussel) on the other, you will quickly discover which is preferred. It's an old trick, but one of the best. Sometimes a piece of clam tipped with a bit of worm will succeed when all else fails. Experimentation in all fishing is the name of the game.

Locating flounder isn't too difficult. Depending upon time of year, flounder will be found in depths from six to thirty feet. In late winter, just before spring, they will be found in the deepest mud-bottom holes. As the water warms with the approach of spring, flounder will fan out into the shallower depths, seeking the sun's rays. But don't overlook those deeper holes—they will still produce.

There are days when skiff fishermen will drop anchor over a likely-looking spot and the fish will respond immediately. Fine. All well and good. Then there are days when flounder must be hunted. To do this, simply lift the anchor and drift until you get action. Then re-anchor and fish until the action slows. Flounder are not a schooling fish, but they often gather in great numbers in one area; if you are lucky, you may not have to re-anchor at all. But be prepared, just in case.

Once anchored and the fish show signs of slowing, it is perhaps best to use chum, either by tossing cracked bank mussels close to your baited hooks, or by lowering a chum pot filled with mashed mussel or soft clam. Lifting it from time to time will get the small bits and pieces dispersed into the current. Doing this will sometimes draw large amounts of fish from areas often impossible to reach with other methods.

These are the basics of spring flounder fishing, all used in one form or another by most fishermen. Even Nick Hauck. And if they're good enough for him...well, again, let me say that a word to the wise is sufficient.

Next week: flounder tips.

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TRAVEL SPECIAL:

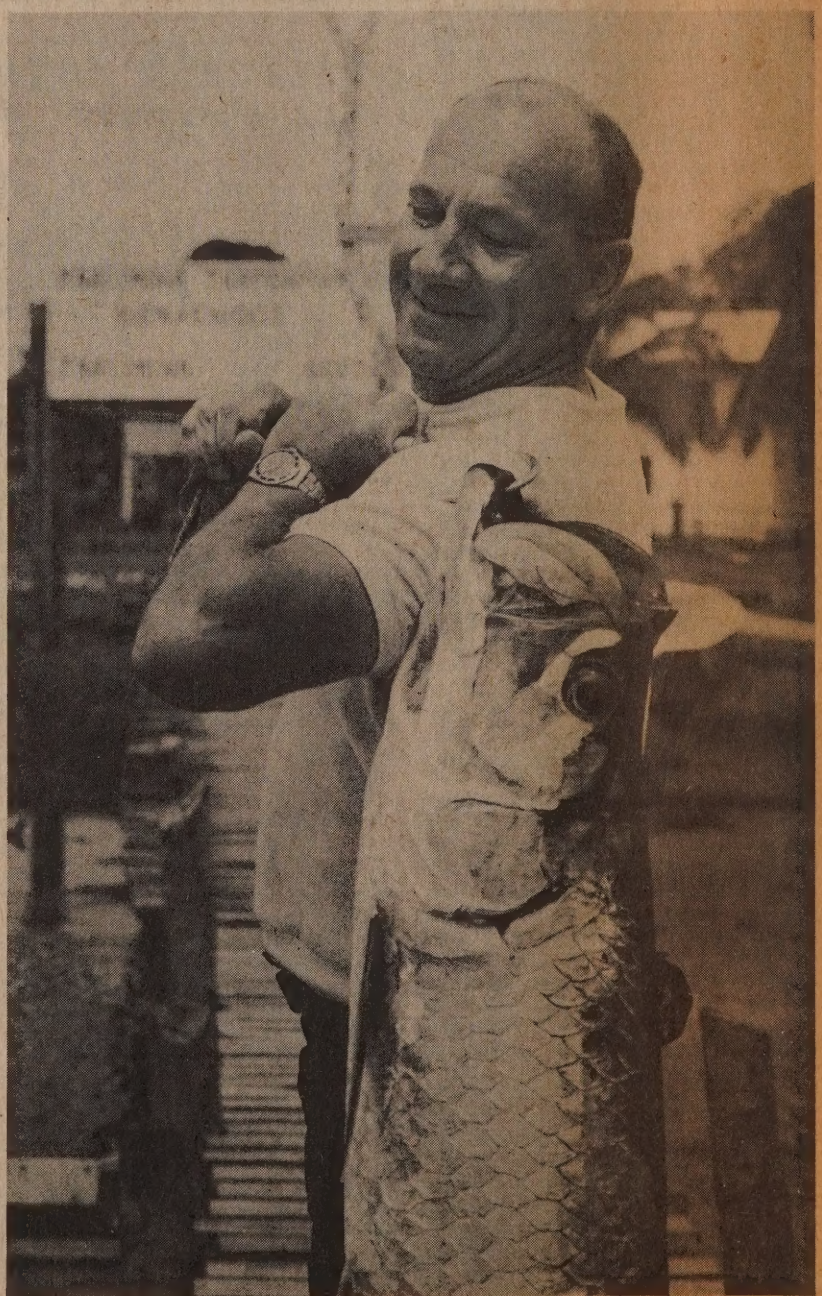
COSTA RICA'S JUNGLE TARPON

Part Two — *by Al Ristori*

Though the variety here isn't anything like that to be found on the Pacific side of Costa Rica, there are some alternatives when the tarpon aren't available. Casting and trolling for snook right in front of the camp was surprisingly good. Two guests, Bob Showalter and Cary Kresge, Jr., displayed their Florida snook casting techniques day after day. Anchored in the channel leading to the river mouth, they cast Boone Trout Touts blindly into the discolored water and always came up with some snook. Everyone else trolled Rapalas and Bombers around the same area. Though the biggest snook here are caught in the fall (camp guide Gilbert Ponzi holds the world record at 53 lbs. 10 oz.), there were some respectable specimens of up to 23 lbs. boated that week.

A short boat ride up the Parismina River put us into muchacha country. This fish looks like a cross between a carp and a shad. It has a small mouth full of crusher teeth, but seems to feed primarily on buds and other objects falling out of overhanging trees. Nevertheless, they will blast small surface lures dropped under those branches. Almost invariably, the strike comes immediately—or not at all. Therefore, it's very important that every cast be placed with pinpoint accuracy. Though the fish aren't large (one to four pounds on the average, though reputed to grow to over six pounds), they are fine jumpers and very tough fighters—and the necessity of placing your casts in just the right spot makes this a very challenging sport.

The many creeks and coves in the area also provide other fishing opportunities. A small crappie-like fish called the "mojarra" is abundant along the shore lines, and can be taken on tiny plugs and spinners—or flies. My first trip to Parismina was made about a decade ago, and at the worst possible time. The most violent storm in dry season history had washed out the railroad, killed many people, and flooded the camps. Nelson Bryant, outdoor editor of the New York Times, and I were the first outsiders to return to Parismina. The river was high and very brown, and fishing for tarpon was impossible



Dick Kotis, president of Fred Arbogast Lure Co., with a typical Parismina tarpon.

except in one creek. Since the tarpon there would only turn on from time to time, Nelson and I decided to hold the first International Mojarra Fishing Contest. He fished with a fly rod and I cast with spinning tackle. Unfortunately, the lack of a judge prevented the publication of official results. Nelson had a slight edge in mojarra, but refused to concede extra points to me for the outstanding technique I developed of casting my line over a branch and watching while the prize fish of the day (a muchacha) got hooked on the lure as it was dangling in and out of the water!

Normal fishing at Parismina involves casting plugs and jigs with relatively light tackle for tarpon in the lagoons. Spinning gear with twelve to twenty pound line can be used, but baitcasting tackle with twenty pound mono is the ideal choice. Though the fish are usually rolling, almost all hits come off the bottom; so heavy lures are favored. I've caught these lagoon tarpon on bucktails and Bait Tails, but the most common lure is a Florida favorite called the Sea Hawk. That weighted, stick-like bait has no action at all and is retrieved very slowly just off bottom. The nearly actionless Creek Chub Wiggle Diver is another frequent producer. The tarpon which hit almost anything thrown at them offshore, don't seem to feed when they move inside. Most of the time they roll and you cast, but nothing happens. However, once or twice a day they'll usually "turn on"—and hook-ups will be observed up and down the lagoon.

Jungle tarpon fishing is great sport, and something that every angler should try to sample at least once. Costa Rican tarpon aren't super large (usually forty to eighty pounds, with an occasional one hundred pounder), but they're hard fighting, high jumping game fish which provide the type of thrills that will long be remembered. Fly rod addicts can do exceptionally well with these fish by using the lead core fly lines developed on the West Coast. Even during the good weeks, don't expect to actually catch a great many tarpon. Remember that this isn't live baitfishing, such as is practiced in the Keys. The hard-mouthed tarpon are usually able to throw plugs and jigs. You'll be doing all right if you can actually boat one strike in ten—or one out of every five tarpon jumped. The sport of tarpon fishing is in the jumping. Though the village uses tarpon for food, they only need a few per week—and most are released unharmed.

When I first went to Parismina, the camp was pretty rugged. There were only cold water showers, and sleeping arrangements were dormitory style above the dining room and kitchen. Now there are hot water showers and comfortable cabins. The food is of excellent quality and served family style in large quantities. My nephew had never been out of the States before and was very apprehensive about the type of food served. As it turned out, he returned raving about the meals. The fishing is done from flat-bottomed aluminum skiffs that make good casting platforms. All of the guides speak some English, and most are quite fluent—though their knowledge has been acquired only through years of guiding. The regular fishing day involves all morning; then a siesta after lunch, before another late afternoon trip. Unless I'm too tired from jumping fish during the day, I extend my pleasure by taking the short walk to the river mouth after dinner—or at dawn.

Author landing a tarpon in the Parismina River mouth.

Make no mistake about it: this is the jungle! Though it's normally quite comfortable early in the morning, it gets very hot at midday, and the sun can be a real problem to those who refuse to take ordinary precautions. However, most visitors are surprised to find that there is virtually no bug problem. A few mosquitoes may show right at dusk, but that's the extent of it. I don't even bother carrying insect repellent, despite the fact that I fish from shore at night.

Jerry Tricomi has done wonders with Parismina Tarpon Rancho over the years, and it's now quite suitable for wives who enjoy fishing. Compared to most foreign camps, it's a bargain at $875 for a full week. This includes the flight from San Jose to the landing strip at the camp; everything at the camp (except beer, soda, lures, tips, and fishing license), and almost a full seven days of boat fishing—plus whatever time on the beach you want to put in. The mid-January to early May dry season is the most popular, but rain is hardly unknown even during this period. Bring light rain gear with you, along with wide-brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts, and Polaroid sunglasses. A short fall season starts in late August and runs into mid-October. At that time, there is often sensational surf fishing for the biggest kind of snook, and it's frequently possible to get offshore.

You can fly to Costa Rica via the national airline LACSA, or with Pan Am. The capitol city of San Jose is by far the nicest and safest of all major Latin American cities. The population is almost entirely of European descent, and there are also lots of retired Americans living in the pleasant mountain climate. Wives will enjoy the many attractions of the area, and it's well worth spending some time there. If you want more fishing, there's also excellent sport on the Pacific side of Costa Rica—and the inexpensive flight to Panama takes only one hour.

An added attraction offered by Jerry Tricomi this year involves the availability of a couple of offshore boats at Moin, a port south of the camp which offers access to the sea. Jerry has a twenty-six foot locally made boat and a twenty foot Robalo with which to fish the clear dropoffs for sailfish, kingfish, wahoo, yellowfin tuna, etc. These boats will provide an additional opportunity for camp guests when the tarpon fishing is off—or variety during those weeks when you get "tired" of jumping tarpon day after day. For reservations and more information on Parismina Tarpon Rancho, contact Tom Uragami, 1717 Carmen Drive, Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007 (312-364-5462).

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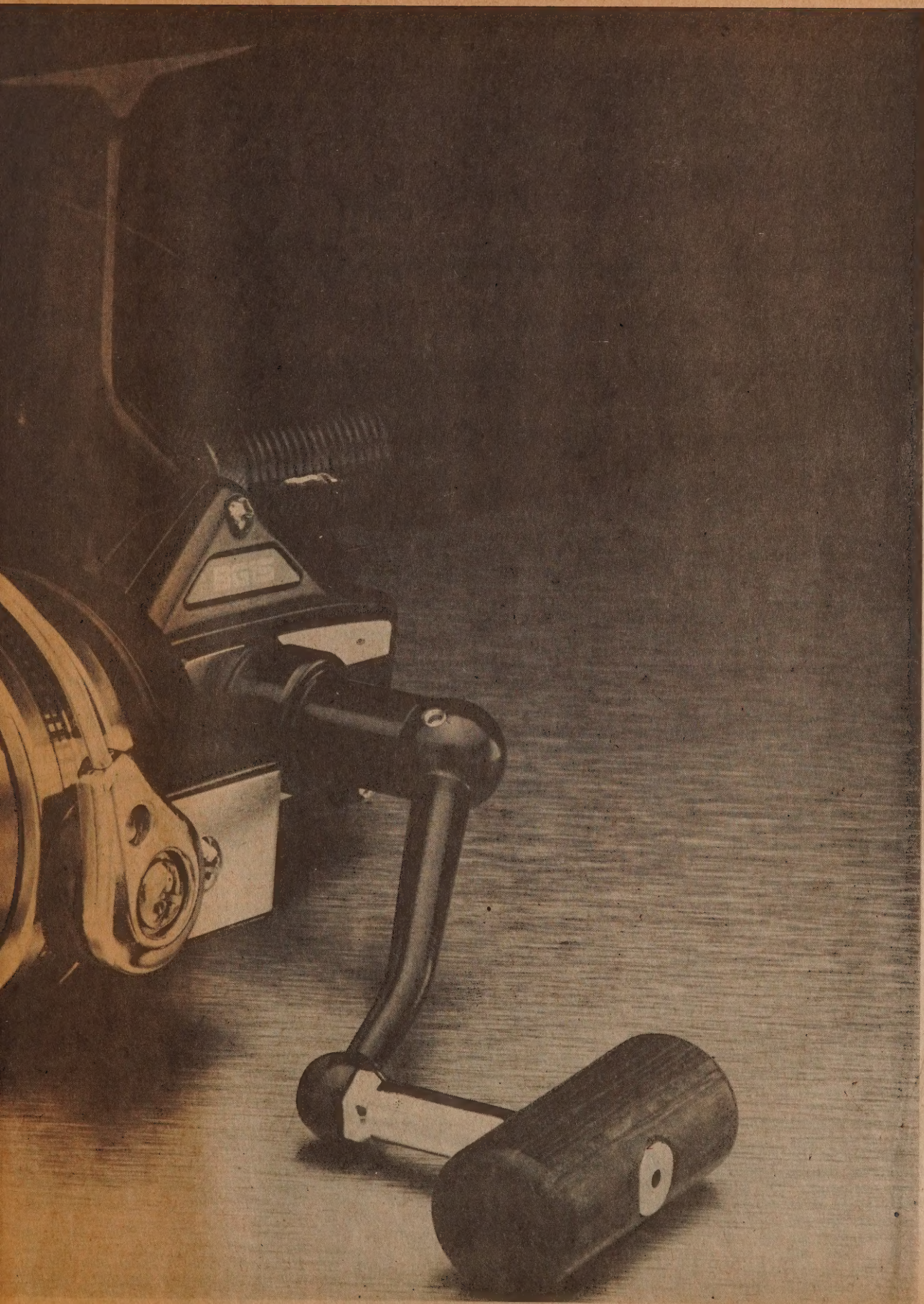


FLAT IS BEAUTIFUL

by John V. Konior

It's the same year after year. My fishing rods stand as lonely sentinels of a season past, ever at attention for the season yet to come. However, there comes a point where that little spark from within flames anew, and my thoughts focus on the new season despite how miserable the weather is now. And what comes to mind immediately is the longing to get started on one of my favorite species: the oft referred to lowly, funny looking flounder. I take exception to this point of view, because to me, "flat is beautiful." Sure, flounder are certainly not one of God's most beautiful creatures, but have you tasted them lately? And that's also part of the problem. Despite my stocking up with fat fillets during the fall, the stock is rapidly dwindling and I'll be darned if I'm going out and buying any!

Flounder, obviously, have a great appeal for me. Aside from being one of the tastiest fish around, they're fun to catch. Almost anyone can catch them provided they follow a few time-tested techniques. Their catchability makes them universally popular to young and old alike. However, as with any fishing, your success will be governed by a number of factors.

First, a bit of background. Flounder are relatively small fish ranging from less than a half a pound to three pounds. The average fish will be around 1 lb. to 1½ lbs. You no doubt have heard of the famed snowshoes, which are in reality overgrown flounder weighing from three to six pounds. These fish are relatively uncommon and are caught during a very limited time span out around Gardiner's Bay, or while deep sea fishing for other species. When you catch a two pound fish, consider it a pretty big one.

Flounder start out in life much like any other fish; i.e., with eyes on either side of the body. However, as it matures, nature performs a magical transformation. The eye on the left side of its body moves to the right side, so that both eyes are eventually located next to each other on the fish's right side. The right side becomes the top of the fish and turns brown to black in color; the left side becomes the bottom of the fish and turns white in color.

Flounder are native to our area and do not migrate as do other species. When the water temperature is either too cold or too hot to their liking, they burrow into the bottom and hibernate. As such, flounder are found in Long Island waters all year through. Having no teeth, and a small mouth to boot, flounder prefer small soft baits such as sea worms, baby clams and mussels, etc. While found over mud or sand bottoms, they prefer bottoms flecked with small crustaceans, on or near mussel beds, etc. While not considered to school, flounder do tend to congregate in an area. Therefore, if you catch one you should catch more, otherwise it would be best to move on. Because they tend to congregate, chumming is effective.

As the temperature of the water begins to warm with the advent of spring, a signal sounds in the flounder's tiny brain telling it that it's time to eat. Very sluggishly at first, they begin feeding. As the days wear on, they become voracious. After all, you would be quite hungry, too, if you just woke up after a three month nap. Spring flounder, as such, will be, for the most part, very thin.

Baits. Spring flounder prefer soft baits with ribbed mussels and blue mussels topping the list. Other good choices are skimmer and hard clams (natural, red or yellow dyed), and sea worms (blood, sand or tape). The latter become more effective as the season progresses. Worms are not easy to come by in the early spring unless you dig them for yourself. The key to success, however, is to bring along a variety of baits. Try them all. You'll be surprised how often one type of bait works best one hour, and then, for no apparent reason, another is preferred the next. Also try combining baits on one hook. One very successful technique is to place a kernel of corn on the hook with other bait. These methods may work when all else fails.

I employ a couple of tricks to improve my chances. With bloodworms, I prefer to buy them a week in advance and store them in the refrigerator to soften them up a bit (much to the dismay of my wife). It seems the softening up process makes the worms more palatable to the early spring flounder. With mussels, I also buy or gather them a week or so in advance and shuck them, storing them in a plastic container in a light brine solution and natural juices. I prefer this method for two reasons: first, the brine solution toughens the mussels up a bit, making it harder for the fish to pull this soft bait off the hook. Second, it saves a lot of time during fishing (and also saves your fingers from becoming frostbitten when opening mussels on a cold and windy day). With skimmer and hard clams, I also shuck them and cut them into small strips. I then divide the strips into three parts, using food coloring to dye one part red and another yellow. I then store each part in plastic baggies until I need them.

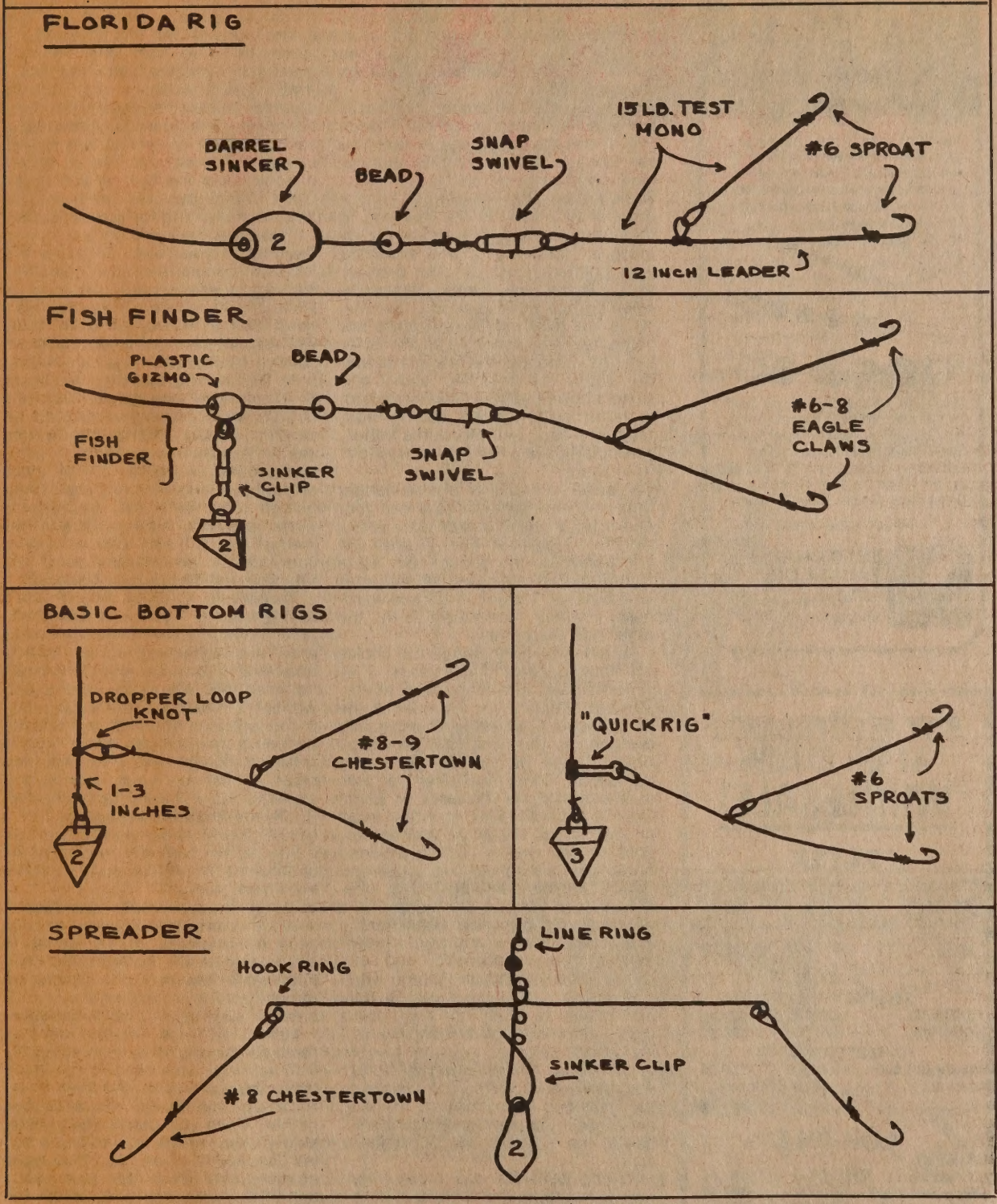
Although this might seem like a lot of work, believe me when I say it pays dividends by saving considerable time later when you're fishing. Whatever you don't use, you can always freeze, even the bloodworms (more UGHS from the wife!).

Tackle/Rigs. Keep it light. The lighter, the better! I prefer to employ light action conventional or spinning tackle. For the conventional outfit: a five to six foot rod and a small reel with a star drag loaded with twenty pound test mono is more than sufficient. With the spinning outfit: a six to six-and-a-half foot stiff light action rod and a light saltwater reel with eight to twelve pound test mono is best.

Regarding sinkers. They come in all shapes and sizes. Bank type sinkers are fine and can be used over any bottom. I prefer to use the Pyramid type which tends to hold bottom better, particularly in swift currents, while allowing you to get along with less weight. The key here is to use only that weight which is sufficient to get your rig on the bottom—and you must have your rig on the bottom in order to catch flounder. A one to three ounce sinker should be more than adequate. Remember, the more weight that you add will detract from the scrappiness of the flounder's tussle.

Now, let's talk about rigs. As mentioned above, your rig must be designed/placed to allow your bait to rest on the bottom. Flounder fishermen tend to employ four types of rigs:

FLOUNDER RIGS



Florida Rig; Fish Finder; Basic Bottom (tandem or triple hook); Spreader. Depending on circumstances, I tend to use the first three and have long since discarded the use of a spreader, although many fishermen still use them. (To each his own.)

Florida Rig—consists of a snap swivel, a bead, and a barrel sinker (having a hole through its length). The barrel sinker is slipped directly up the line, the bead follows (serving as a shock cushion; you can also use a fake kernel of corn), and the line is then tied to the ring of the snap swivel. A snelled hook is then attached via the clip of the swivel.

This rig really gets your hook on the bottom, and has the advantage of offering little resistance to the fish when it nibbles. The sinker is not attached directly to the line, therefore, the fish does not feel the weight of the sinker—particularly important when fish are a bit spooky.

Fish Finder—this rig is very similar to the Florida Rig and has been employed by surf fishermen for years, although as you will see is not only applicable to surf fishing. It consists of a plastic gizmo with a hole through it to slip your line through, and a ring

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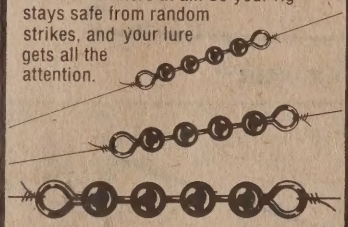

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to which is attached a sinker clip, a bead (optional) and a snap swivel. The plastic "fish finder" is slipped on the line, followed by the bead, and the line attached to the ring of the snap swivel. You attach a sinker via the sinker clip, and the snelled hooks via the snap swivel clip.

This is a good all-around rig, but is not quite as sensitive as the Florida Rig. It has the advantage in that you can change sinker weights without having to re-rig.

Basic Bottom Rig—consists of tying a dropper loop knot in the line one to three inches above the sinker (or by using a "quick rig"), and attaching your snelled hooks via the dropper loop. There are times, especially when bottom weed abounds, that this rig is the most effective despite not being nearly as sensitive as the latter two rigs. I suppose the few inches that the hooks are attached above the sinker allows the hooks more freedom to flutter in the current, adding more life to the bait. This rig works better, particularly when casting for flounder from shore.

Spreader—consists of a wire hanger with rings on either end to attach your hooks to, a center sinker clip, and a ring to attach your line. It does get your hooks on the bottom, but aside from this it creates tangles and adds unnecessary weight and awkwardness. Frankly, don't use them; the other rigs are better.

And finally, let's discuss our choice of hooks. Over the years I've experimented with many hook styles. The old standard for flounder is the long shank Chestertown, especially designed for this fish. It's a very good hook. Sizes #8 and #9 are the standards. There are other patterns available such as the Beak or Eagle Claw in sizes #6 to #8, in either short or long shank styles; in aluminized, gold or red colors. The mentioned hooks can be obtained in any bait and tackle store, generally sold pre-snelled and offered six hooks to a package. Despite their availability and fish-catching worthiness, I prefer the old Sproat pattern. You will seldom find these hooks sold at retail pre-snelled. I buy the hooks in bulk and prefer to snell my own hooks using stiff fifteen pound test mono. I make the leaders around twelve inches long. I find that the lighter leader material is more invisible to the fish, and to my way of thinking enhances my catch. The Sproat hook I use is the bronzed, #6, short-shank style.

With any of the rigs I described, except the Spreader, I tie two of the hooks in tandem. Two hooks is more than enough for me since I can still employ a variety of baits, catch plenty of fish (even double headers), and not worry too much about tangles.

Chumming: Despite the spring flounder's willingness to bite, you'll improve your chances of catching more fish in a given location by using chum. Good chumming materials are crushed ribbed or blue mussels, clam, and whole kernel corn. I'll use all three if they're available. The mussels and clams are very effective, but at times will attract a mess of rock and spider crabs. When this happens, I'll resort to using corn only, or will eventually move the boat a few feet. I prefer using a chum pot for the mussels and clams, especially when the current is a bit swift. When using corn I make it a point to toss it well up-current to ensure that it settles directly under the boat or just to the stern. Otherwise, all you'll accomplish is chumming for someone else.

There are other methods of luring flounder to your boat. Flounder are inquisitive and are attracted to bottom stirring which churns up bits of shellfish and sea worms. It's always a good idea to watch for clam boats working an area and to anchor down current from them. You can accomplish this stirring up action by means of a pole long enough to reach the bottom, a spare anchor, or an old sash weight. Simply thump the weight along the bottom for a minute or so. It often works wonders. Party boats employ the long pole stirring technique in order to attract flounder to their patron's hooks. One other method that will also work is to drag your anchor around the area you intend to fish before anchoring up.

Technique: Despite Mr. Flatty's willingness to bite, he seldom will jump in your boat. Therefore, there are a few techniques you can use to improve your chances. Because flounder will often suck in the bait without a telltale hit, it's a good idea to periodically lift your rig off the bottom a few inches every ten to fifteen seconds. Not only will you detect a fish on your line in this manner, you will also attract the fish to the moving bait. When you feel a fish, lift slowly and as soon as you feel a tug, set the hook with a sharp flick of the wrist. Don't haul away... you're not fishing for cod.

When the above technique doesn't seem to work, try jigging. Bounce your rig a dozen or so times in succession on the bottom. This will often work because you're stirring up the bottom a little, adding life to your bait and spurring the fish into action.

When all else fails, I've had remarkable success by employing the "do-nothing" technique. You simply leave the rod unattended (but safely secured), and watch for a telltale nibble. Once you detect the nibble, slowly raise the rod tip and if the fish is on, you'll know it. It's quite amazing how often this lazy man's approach works, especially when the fish are a bit finicky.

The above methods have all been related to fishing for flounder while anchored. On rare occasion I've had some success catching, or at least locating, fish by drifting. Drifting tends to work when currents are extremely sluggish, and when the fish are well scattered.

One last point about the fishing spot you choose. As I have mentioned,

flounder tend to congregate in an area. If you're not into fish after fifteen to thirty minutes, move on but give your chum a chance to work. As soon as you're into fish, chances are that they'll bite right through the change of tide. Many anglers mistakenly move on during the slack tide period. As with most fish, you'll probably do best two hours before and after the slack water period, although I've caught flounder throughout an entire tide.

Location: Because I dock out of Seaford, my favorite haunts are on the south shore bounded by Babylon on the East and Baldwin on the West. I seldom have to forage to either extreme as there are plenty of fish in my backyard.

The rule of thumb that I follow is to seek flounder in the deep holes (18' to 25') in the early spring, gradually moving to shallower water as the water warms up. Caution though: there are many exceptions to the rule. I've had some fine catches on the flats off Lindenhurst during the early season when bright, sunny days have resulted in warmer temperatures on the flats. But, all in all, I've been pretty successful following my own rules.

During March and April, I prefer Merrick Bay (around Row Boat Alley), the Amity Channel off Squaw and West Islands, or the north/south channel running just west of the Wantagh Causeway between the first and second bridges. During late April and May I find the "Four Corners" area just south of Seaford Harbor to my liking. By June and into July I've done especially well by fishing the southeast corner of Swift Creek, where it intersects with Sloop Channel, the houses off Swift Creek, and the Jones Beach Coast Guard Station.

You'll note that the areas I've described tend to coincide with my theory of water depths in relationship to the season. The areas in the early spring are rather deep, laced with deep holes. As the season wears on, the areas are shallower, and then again as the water warms up back to deeper areas. You will find that it's always a good idea to try and locate holes wherever you fish. However, always keep in mind that there are exceptions to any rule, and it's best to check with your local bait shop, livery, the local newspaper reports, and by all means—The Fisherman, for the latest hotspots.

Remember, above all, to enjoy yourself, and leave a few around for me. Please throw the small ones back so there will be plenty around in years to come. Remember, flounder are not migratory species and over-fishing will deplete our stocks!

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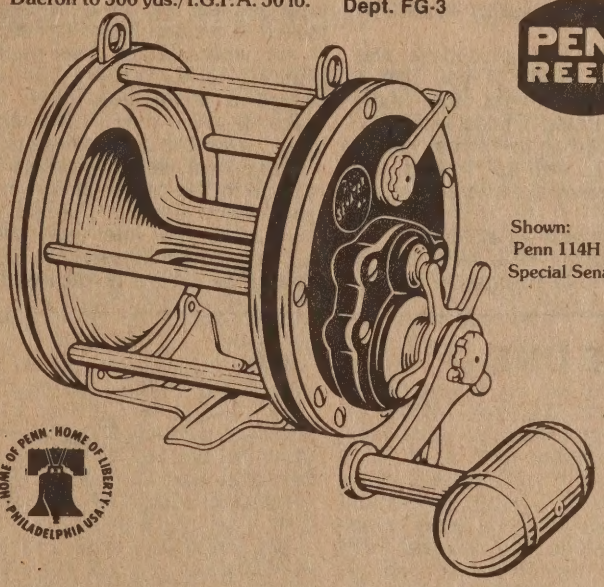

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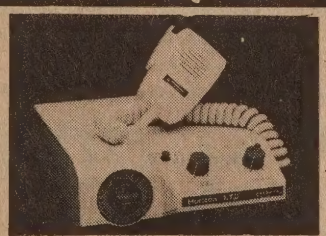

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NAVIGATION FOR THE SMALL CRAFT FISHERMAN

Part Six — *by Jens Jacobs*

Well, how did you make out with those questions last week? Let's take a look at the correct answers.

1. Lat. and long. of point X = 40.55'6 n 73.17'2W.

2. distance from A and B to X = 2.56 miles.

3. Position of 60 ft. shoal = 40.48'2 N. 73.16'9 W.

The step by step procedure was explained last week. If you use a programmable calculator, the whole process of obtaining X takes but a few seconds and will come in real handy for planning, as well as plotting, the position of a newly discovered fishing hole.

Since we are now all experts in the art of navigation, let's take a trip offshore. The only navigation instrument we have is an accurate compass and a lead line. We do, of course, know the speed of the boat, and have a watch to time our run. The indispensable chart is also aboard, but today we are not going to use the chart. We are going to spare it the wear and tear and use a plotting sheet tacked to a small board to keep track of our whereabouts. This method of plotting is extremely convenient aboard a small boat with limited space. (I use it many times on large boats since it is so convenient.)

As you can see, the whole plot is relative to the center of the compass rose, which for our purpose is the sea-buoy at your inlet (wherever that may be). As can be seen in Fig. 1, the time of departure is recorded along with course and distance for each leg we made. At point F we are going to call it a day, and set a course for home. Since the wind was out of the N.W. (315°) all day, we established that we drifted in a direction of 135° for the 10:30 minutes we were under way and put this in as a final leg from F to G. To determine our course home, we simply draw a line (dotted line) from point G through the center point (our destination) of the compass rose to the opposite side and read the course at H. In our case, it is 347 degrees and the distance is 22 miles. It should be obvious at this point, that by simply recording your courses and distances as you go along, a plot can be made up quickly at any point along the way to get you a

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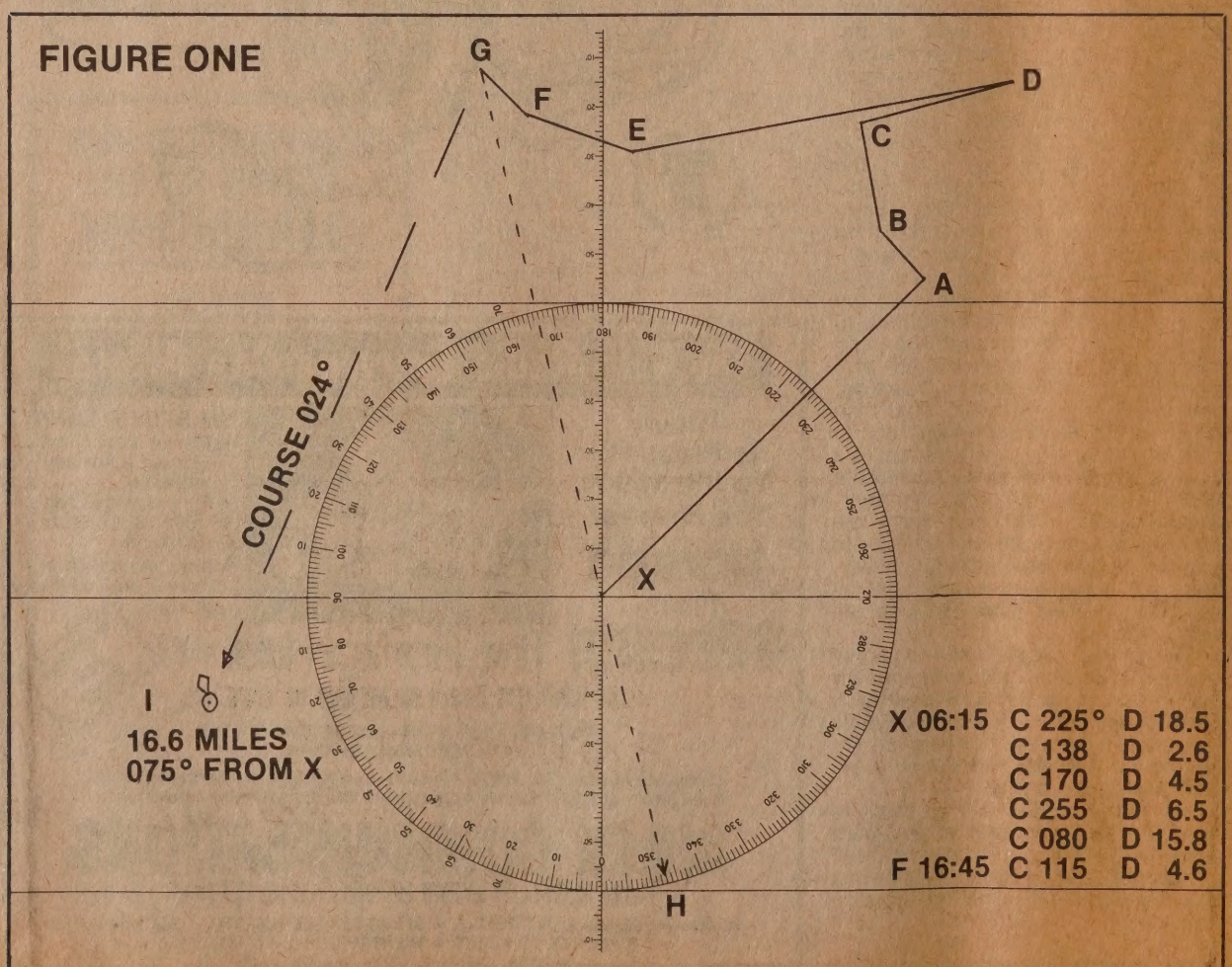
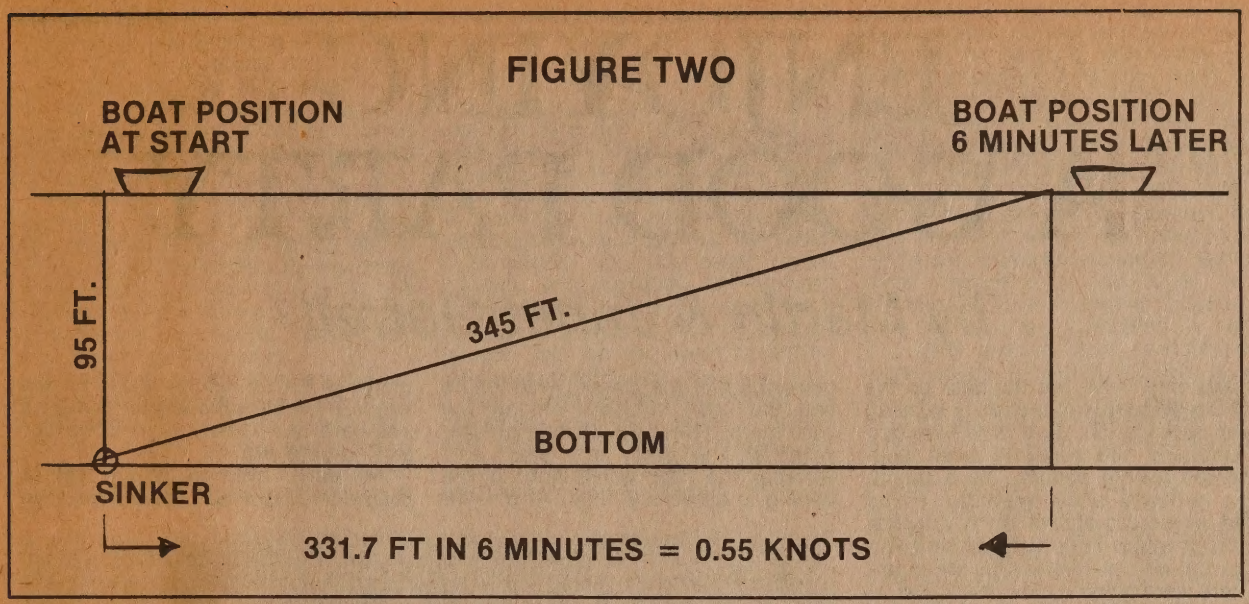




course and distance home, as well as letting someone else (perhaps the Coast Guard) know where you are in relationship to the sea-buoy. For example, if you could not get the engine started at point D, you could tell the C.G. you are 26.8 miles on course 218 from the sea-buoy.

To give your distance and bearing as accurately as possible, you would include the set and drift as well, and add this as another leg to point D. Why don't we try that. The question is: how can we establish our set and drift with our simple gear? Assuming the water depth is not much greater than 150 ft. and you have a rod and reel with marked line aboard as well as a heavy sinker, you're all set to figure the approximate set and drift. Proceed as follows:

1) Establish water depth.

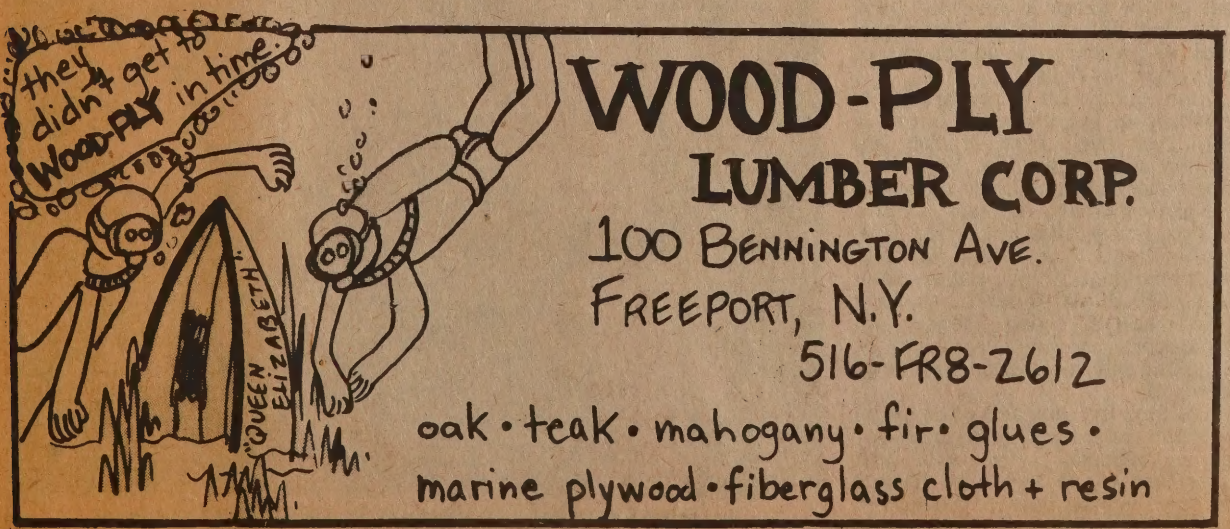
2) Send a heavy sinker to the bottom and count how many feet of line you have to pay out in six minutes, without dragging the sinker over the bottom.

3) Note on the compass the approximate direction you are drifting in. Let's assume that in our case the water depth was 95 ft. and we paid out 345 ft. of line in six minutes. What is our drift? Again, if you have a small pocket calculator with one memory and square root function, it's a snap to figure this one out. Refer to Fig. 2 and recall a little simple geometry. We subtract 95 squared from 345 squared and extract the square root from that, which is 331.66247. We therefore drifted 331.7 ft. over the bottom in 6 minutes. Since 6 minutes = 1/10 hour, we multiply 331.7 times 10, which is (3317 ft) in one hour, which we reduce to nautical miles by dividing by 6076 (ft. per nautical mile) for 0.5459 or for practical purposes 0.55 knots drift. As mentioned before, the entire operation takes very little time and effort with a calculator and is well worth the trouble, especially at times of restricted visibility. Perhaps no 100% accurate; but by far, better than a wild guess. By the way, don't be fooled by judging the speed and direction of your drift just by looking at the water because it may not be the same as speed over bottom. As far as the plotting sheets are concerned, they are 12x14 inches, printed on both sides, and come in pads of 50, which cost about five bucks. Besides being handy for the day you use them, they can also serve as a useful log for future reference if you date them and make notes in regards to weather, sea conditions, fishing success, etc.

As you can see, with a minimum of equipment and effort, you can keep track of your position in relationship to your departure point, which in many cases is all you need. There is no reason why you can't plot the position of the sea-buoy of another inlet, or a buoy offshore, on your sheet. Simply find the distance and bearing of those objects from your center buoy on a regular chart and mark them on your sheet. See fig. 1. In that way you can return to a different inlet if desired or dictated by weather.

Gee, I almost forgot about your homework.

What is the drift in knots if the water depth is 85 ft. and you paid out 456 ft. of line in 6 minutes?



ENJOYING A GOOD PARTY

by Martin & Janet Garrell

It was only 5AM, but the deck on the **Viking Skipper II** was already buzzing with anticipation. The word was out: Montauk's cod run had been augmented by big pollack. As a result, the normally small weekday crowd had swollen to almost thirty anglers, most of whom were busy passing Ava jigs one way and dollar bills the other. There were pointed comments, too, in several languages, about the merits of red vs. green tubes and about the proper distances between teasers and jigs.

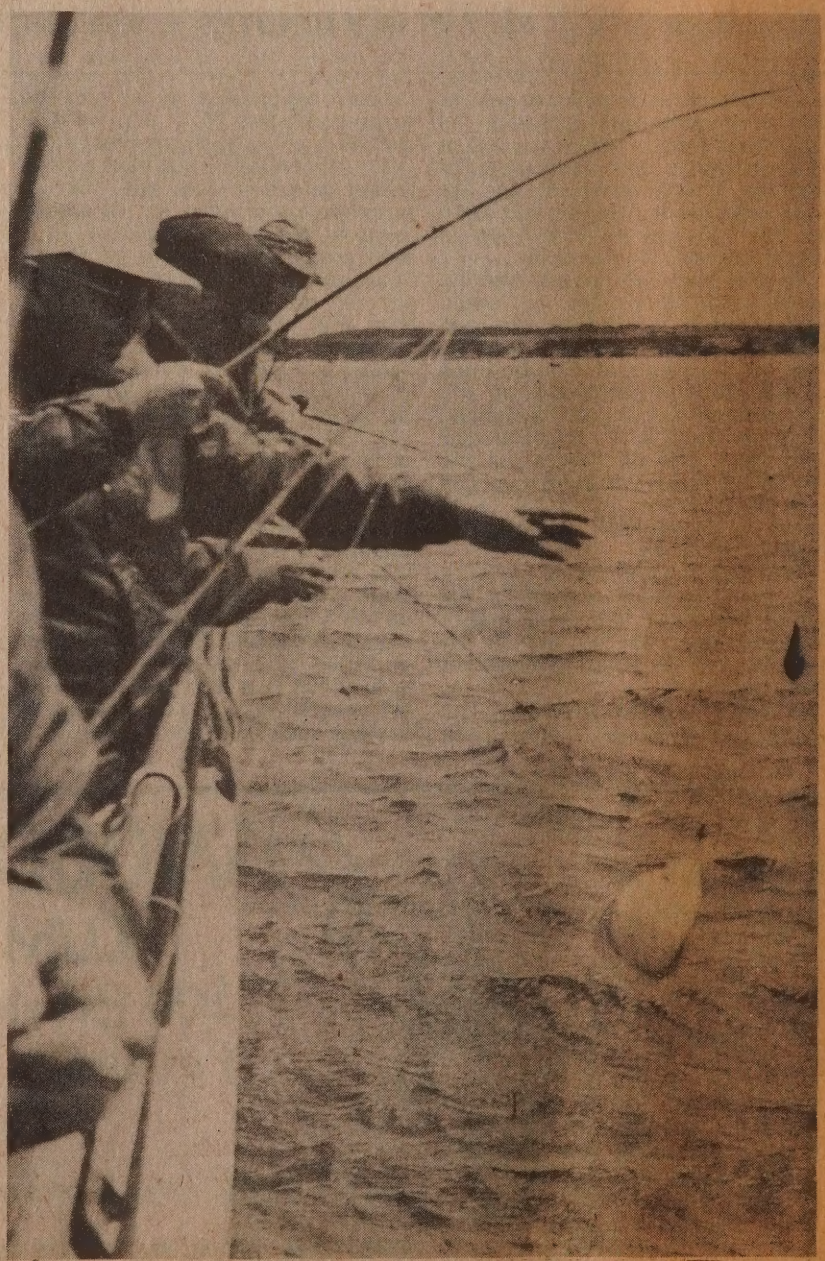
Three hours later, when the first group of pollack in the near twenties strained a dozen rods, and five pound cod began to fly over the rails, the scene became ever more lively. This was party boat fishing at its most exciting! Repeated with different fish on other days in most places between Sheepshead Bay and Montauk, such moments account for the current resurgence of party boat popularity.

Some of us gave up party boat fishing years ago when we found our personal craft to be more convenient. It's so much easier to sail at a comfortable time from a handy ramp than to step onto a dock in the wee hours a hundred miles from home. Thanks to rising boating costs and the OPEC camel, however, we've returned once more to open boats, where we tie rods to the rail just when most of our friends are enjoying a couple of hours of additional sleep in warm beds. In so doing, though, we've found that the "old reliable" party boat is still tough to beat for good times, angling knowledge, passenger-miles per gallon of fuel, and pounds of fish per angler-dollar.

Often, quite a bit of preparation is necessary to get the most out of a party boat trip. True, if fish are plentiful and the weather is perfect, some fishermen actually do go on the spur of the moment, rent tackle, buy a few rigs, and put fish in the bag. But, unfortunately, most target fish just aren't abundant for long periods, and our stretch of the Atlantic can be a mean piece of ocean. Hence, unpreparedness can lead to skunking, or to dousing and freezing, or to all three combined!

In picking the time and place for an excursion, veterans who are unable to size up skipper, crew, and boat themselves try to talk with friends who have signed aboard previously. They'll ask whether the skipper is demanding of his mates, whether he and the crew circulate among the customers, offering help and advice, whether the craft is clean, and whether the boat works hard if the fishing is especially slow. At current prices of $15 to $25 for a day on the water, most old salts want affirmative answers on these points before setting up a trip.

An early evening phone call a couple of days ahead should result in



Bouncing a nice flounder over a crowded rail off Orient Point.

an honest report on fishing conditions. How steady is the run of fish? What kind of numbers and weights can reasonably be expected? If an angler commits himself to sailing, a helpful skipper should also tip him off about rigs, sinker weights, and special baits to bring along.

Years ago, we brought fixings for terminal rigs to the boat and completed the wrap-ups on the way to the grounds. No longer! Flying spray is too tough on trembling fingers, and seasickness is a common hazard for knot-gazers; we now tie most of our rigs a night or two before.

For the sake of comfort, a good set of foul weather gear, including boots and rubber gloves, is absolutely essential, except on the mildest and calmest summer days. A weather report the night before should be a guide concerning sweat-shirts and quilted underwear, and it might give some clues on wind and water conditions. Although wind forecasts are notoriously inaccurate, most regulars shudder upon hearing a prediction of "fresh and breezy" which follows a passing front, especially if a bottom-bouncing excursion for flatfish or cod had been planned. Heaving seas and stirred up water bode poorly. On the other hand, chances for mackerel or bluefish might actually improve, even though Marazine, Dramamine, or Bonamine tablets may be required to stiffen otherwise wobbly sea legs.

Rail positions on party boats are extremely important. Due to winds and tides, the stern positions are usually the most productive on a boat held by a single anchor. But, so popular has the stern become that most anglers, unless camped out for a week on the decks or unless married into the skipper's family, have to settle for the bow or the near stern as second best. A latecomer who finds the only open area left amidships will be in trouble if the tides are strong and the boat is crowded. He'll lose a lot of time to tangles. Incidentally, for species like flounder and porgies in mid-sizes, which are abundant, somewhat insensitive to deck noise, and attracted to large numbers of baits, a crowded boat is not necessarily bad. For other species, such as flounder, weakfish and blackfish in jumbo sizes or for recent runs of cod, some anglers will have to make do with only a few strikes a day on a crowded craft.

An angler sizes up a flounder off East Marion.

What type of tackle should be brought aboard? In general, if an angler can reach the fish with it, feel the bottom with it, and manipulate it to keep clear of other fishermen, it shouldn't matter. There is an interesting bias these days against spinning tackle and in favor of conventional, largely on the part of experienced anglers who've mastered thumb control on revolving-spool reels. This touch can pay big dividends when feeling the bottom is difficult or when heavy sinkers of eight ounces and up are called for. However, on days when light lead will do the job on smooth bottoms, no fishermen should neglect bringing along a coffee-grinder if it's his favorite outfit for the job. Under normal conditions, inshore flounder, fluke, blackfish, and weaks won't give a spin-fisherman much trouble.

Years back, if an angler brought light tackle aboard a party packet, a wave of grumbles would pass along the decks. Times have changed, and many now work the rails with light gear, catching their share of fish without problems. It boils down to controlling fish in a crowd. Up-and-down fighters like flatfish, porgies, cod, and sea bass can be taken on the lightest tackle needed to handle the sinkers and rigs being used, without running afoul of neighboring lines. Strong runners like big weakfish, bluefish, or pollack can create problems by forcing light tackle users to change positions many times while fighting them from a crowded boat. For sport and practical use, then, twenty pound class tackle offshore and twelve pound class inshore seem about right. Even so, many seasoned party boat anglers bring along lighter outfits than these for occasional work. This spring, aboard the "Peconic Star" out of Greenport, we had a problem with flounder that were well fed and lazy; bites were tough to pick up with typical boat rods and sinkers. However, when Jan switched to a six pound class conventional outfit and two ounce sinkers, she connected easily with all the 1½ lbers. she needed and finished up the day as "high hook" for the group.

An important aspect of open boat angling is interaction with experi-

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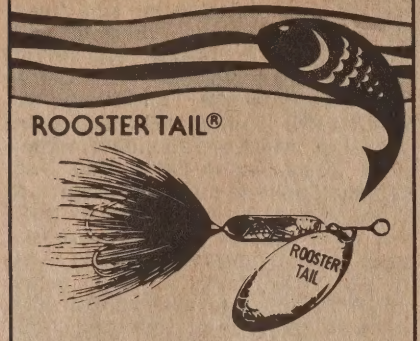

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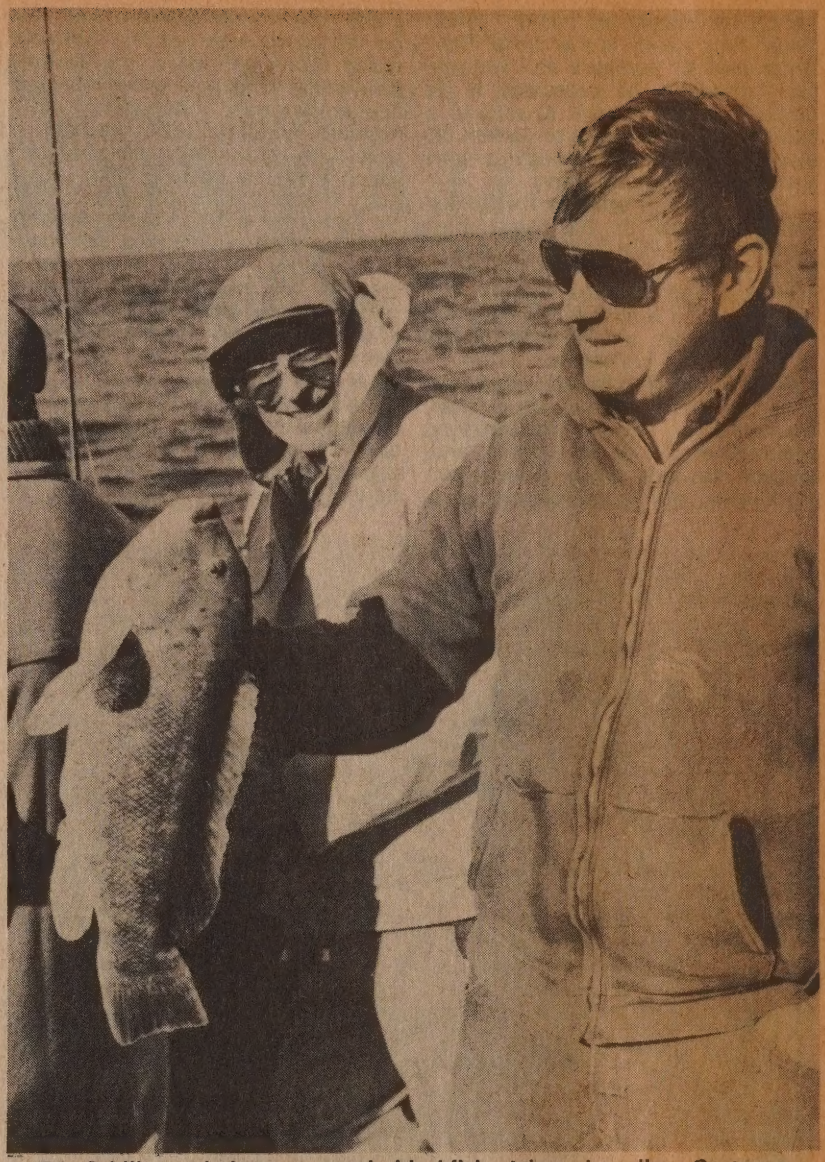

Ed Schiller admires a good blackfish taken by Jim Castagna (background) off Plum Island.

enced fishermen. On most good party boats, it's common to get help from wise veterans who spot defective rigs and sloppy manipulation of baits. Blackfishing off Plum Island on the "Wilhelric" and fishing for fluke in the Montauk rips on the "Jigger III" were among our most educational experiences, thanks to helpful individuals who patiently explained the problem of setting hooks when waters were so deep and tides so strong that tugs and nips were easily masked.

It's a nice gesture aboard a busy boat to clear lines or help a neighbor bring a fish aboard. By checking out locations of nets and gaffs, a fisherman is ready to go into action if a big fish surfaces while the mates are coping with a "fire drill" at the other end of the boat.

Party boat pools provide interaction, too, and they should never be taken lightly by those who choose to enter them. We knew one couple who made the mistake of purchasing only one pool ticket on a trip out of Shinnecock Inlet. When the man took a whopping 4¼ lb. sea bass—the biggest fish on the boat—the $50 pool had to be awarded elsewhere because it was unclear to whom the pool stub belonged.

Enjoying a good party depends on personal feelings. On the trip mentioned at the beginning of this piece, Marty took a nice pollack of 18 lbs., which provided us with a fine tussle, a lot of excitement and second-place pool money. But the best part of the day was learning from Skipper Bud Dorman how to refine our cod rigs with lighter materials and less hardware and watching an ex-mate drag five nice spring cod from under the noses of a crowd of anglers in the bow, thanks to better rigs and a better touch. Given a nice day on the water, a few fish in the box, and a good boat and skipper, a party boat excursion is a super experience!

FISHERMAN TIPS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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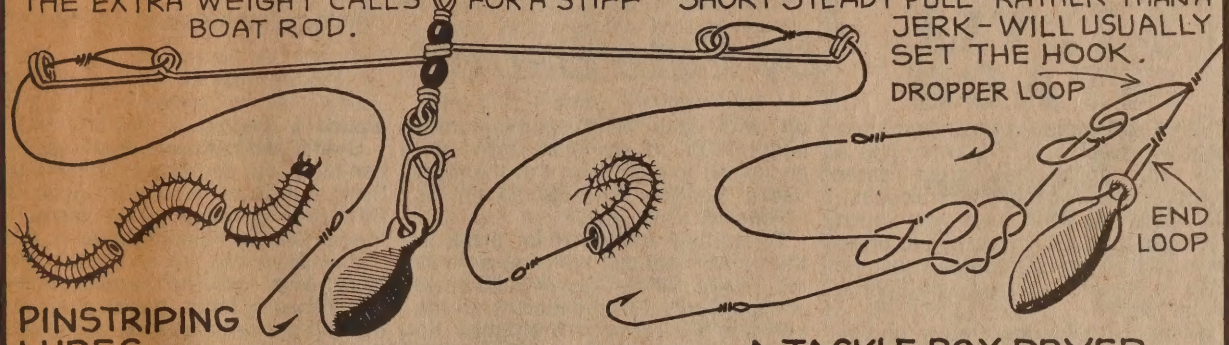

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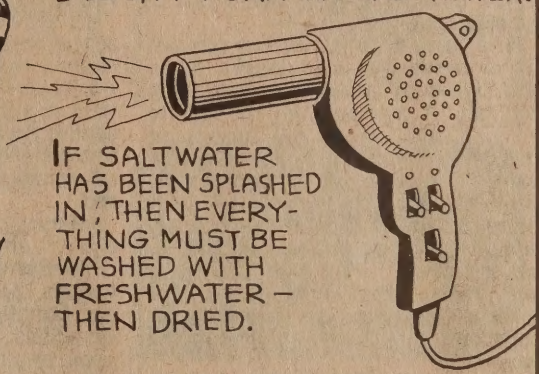

IF SALTWATER HAS BEEN SPLASHED IN, THEN EVERYTHING MUST BE WASHED WITH FRESHWATER — THEN DRIED.

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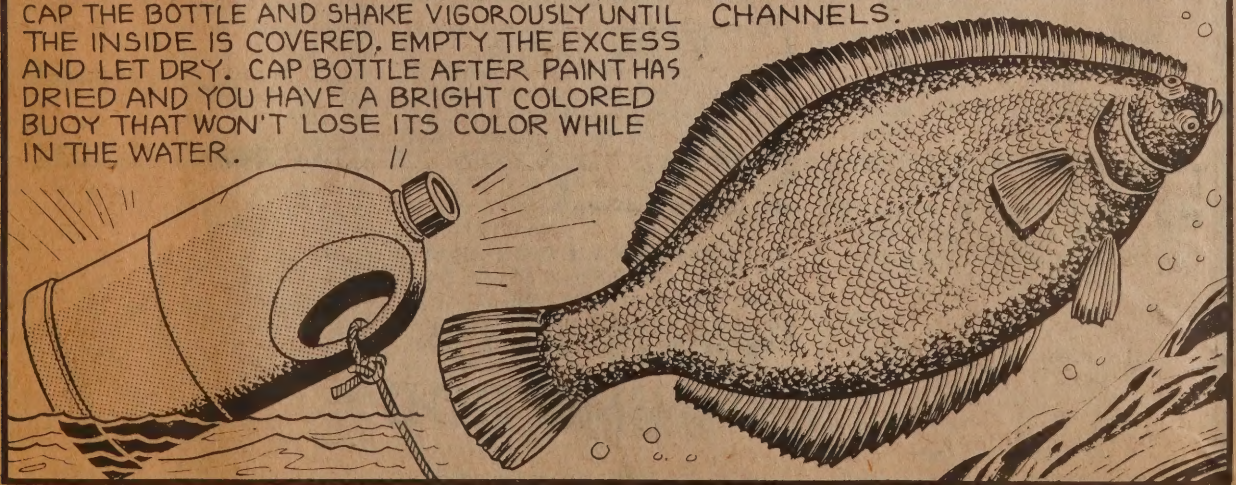
BAY FLOUNDERS CAN BE AFFECTED BY TIDES IN THAT AT HIGH TIDE THE FLATTIES WILL FEED ON THE FLATS AND AT LOW TIDE SEEK OUT THE DEEPER HOLES AND CHANNELS.



ROD OF THE WEEK:

"DO IT ALL" SPINNING ROD

by Pete Barrett

One thing fishing in a small aluminum boat will teach you is to carry just a few rods. Unlike their larger center console or fancy cabin cruiser cousins, tin boats just don't have very much room, so the rods you choose to bring with you on any given day must be able to handle a variety of fishing situations.

Many is the fall morning when you might work rigged eels, swimming plugs or bucktails off the ends of jetties or a point of rocky beach where it drops off to deep water; then switch to poppers at daybreak and finally small swimmers like Rebels at dawn. Later in the morning, you might cast a metal squid to weakfish or drift for fluke. You might get a crack at a school of blues as they blitz a ball of luckless bait.

The current trend towards conventional tackle certainly doesn't mean that spinning is dead. Quite the contrary. A good spinning rod able to "do it all" from swimmers to bucktails, metal and poppers is a very valuable piece of light artillery for any day's fishing no matter what size your boat. Spinning is especially at an advantage when you are constantly casting lures, rather than squidding with diamond jigs in deep water. For most all top-water, shallow water or constant casting, the spinner is the winner.

The rod described in the diagram may be too heavy for some anglers, too light for others, but it will serve as a good starting point for you to come up with your own spinning rod. Length can be anywhere from six-and-a-half to eight feet, but the most useful length will be seven or seven-and-a-half feet.

By cutting an eight floot blank at the tip end you can build up a gutsy rod able to handle Atom 40s, Dannys or rigged eels. Cutting more from the butt end will preserve the lighter tip action of some blanks and result in a rod more suited to handling Rebels, lighter bucktails, and other lures from a half to two ounces.

Bottom fishermen looking for doormat fluke might prefer the stiffer rod when working deeper water, but if you fish the bays, then the tippier rod will better handle the smaller two to four pounders.

I use my rod fishing sandworms for school bass in the spring and like the slightly lighter tip action. The softer tip allows me to cast the worms better than a stiffer action. You can toss sandworms with surprising accuracy and distance when working the edges of marsh grass flats with the lighter rod.

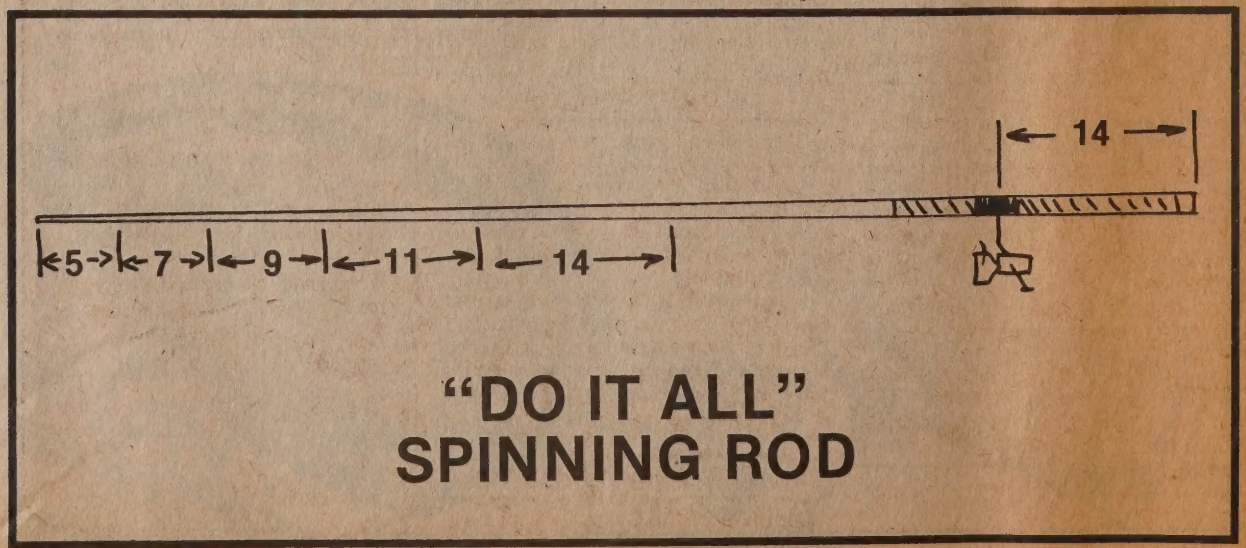
Blanks. Shakespeare's 0458 and 0457, Lamiglas SMB963E, Cuddy 680, Fisher 696, Harrington 701, Loomis 754, Fenwick 965F and BL966 and Dynaflex 0803 and 5804 are good selections when choosing a blank. Look for a heavier-walled blank if you fish strictly out of aluminum skiffs, but wall thickness makes little difference if you fish from a larger boat where the rods won't get jostled around so much.

Guides and hardware. If you plan to fish big plugs and rigged eels, go for the sturdiest guides. Some rigged eel fishermen move the guide closest to the tip to a position only three or four inches from the tip instead of the more usual six inch spacing. The closer spacing helps to protect the rod tip from undue pressure while casting the heavy eels. It looks unusual, but can add to the life of the rod tip.

Aluminum reel seats are okay if you want a rod light in weight, but the chromed seats are generally considered to be better. Grips can be foam, cork, cork tape, or neo-cork. The older neo-cork grips are getting hard to get now, but are the most durable grip ever made. They do get slippery; they weigh a lot, but they will never wear out.

Tips. Rods used in small boats can take a lot of bouncing around, so any extra measure of safe transporting or storage is a help to longer rod life. The rod will nestle down on the seats better if you adapt the guide spacing so the distance between the gathering guide and the next guide up are far enough apart to straddle the seat of your boat. There's less chance to crush a guide or break a ceramic ring as it bounces if the blank rests on the seat, not the guide ring.

This same blank can be adapted to a conventional style rod by adding one more guide and adjusting the guide spacing.



"DO IT ALL" SPINNING ROD

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COD

Capt Paul Forsberg, Jr. of the **Viking Fleet** tells us that Saturday's trip aboard the **Viking Star** was a good one, with 18 men bagging 70 cod from 5 to 8 lbs. plus a few in the high teens. That was at Cartwright, all on clam bait. No pollack around. Sunday was slower but the fish ran bigger, with 3 going over 30 lbs. Thirteen men boated 28 cod fishing 150' of water at outside Cartwright. Meanwhile Capt Paul, Sr. fishing with the **Viking Starship** out of Key West, this past week has been enjoying super catches particularly of mutton and snappa at the Tri-Tortugas.

Suzie O'Conner of the **Marlin Fleet** gives us the good news that Capt Richie Rade is out of Southampton Hospital, is in good shape, and is doing fine. Both boats of the **Marlin Fleet** are continuing to sail as usual.

SOUTH FORK
★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDER

SHINNECOCK

Tom at **Specks Bait and Tackle** reported that the Shinnecock Canal has been receiving a big turnout of flounder fans. Fortunately, the flatties have been very cooperative with many fish ranging from postage stamps up to 1½ lbs. being taken. Good action also in the Quogue Canal, as demonstrated by Dan Matesic, Water Mill and Roger MacDowell of Sag Harbor, who put away 60 flounder from 1/2 to 1 lb. on bloodworms during incoming water one day last week. Tom asked us to remind his customers that he is open from 6AM weekends.

Capt Clark Bellows of the **Capt Clark II** asked us to mention to you that for 1981 he is sailing from a new location at the Montauk Hwy Bridge on Shinnecock Canal. This is right near Altenkirch Tackle and also just across the road from Hobby Land Marine. The boat will be on a daily sailing schedule shortly, so watch these pages for details.

MORICHES BAY

From his **East Moriches Bait and Tackle Shop**, Bill DeLuca spoke of a good early run of flounder in both the Quogue and Shinnecock Canals. Two customers, Paul Schwack and Bill Vargas totalled 75 flatties in the Quogue Canal just east of the first bridge. They fished with dyed clams, and worms and chummed with mussels. Bill noted that mussel chum results in better catches and said that any moving tide has been productive.

Silly Lilly Fishing Station called to say that they are officially open for the season with boats in the water and bait on hand.

Larry at **L&M Marine** in East Moriches called to say that the snowstorm slowed the season a bit but the flounder fishing these last couple of days resumed again in Quogue canal. All boats returned with over 80 keepers each. Sunday saw Tony Dipira, Brian Mallozzio, Matthew Vera, Louis Schneider and Mario Malone all from the Bronx working buoys 54 and 7A, coming up with 179 keepers up to 2 lbs. plus lots of throwbacks. They also had 19 tommy cod using blood and sand worms, red dyed clam along with corn and catfood for chum.

GREAT SOUTH BAY
★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDER

MASTIC BEACH

Gary at **Stiriz's Fishing Station** tells us that the flounders are starting in the ¾ to 1 lb. category, with catches per boat averaging 30 to 40 keepers. Best area has been buoy 17 with outgoing water working best. Chumming of course is a big assist with worm, clam and mussel as hook bait.

EAST ISLIP

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Peppy's Bait & Tackle tells us that Scott Letizia, Steve Grabou and Tom Gersic of East Islip totaled 56 keeper flounders fishing at the Shinnecock Canal with sand worm/clam combos on March 1st.

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flounder fishing on the weekend was great with fish both large and plentiful. The boat sailed Saturday with 3 men but they whaled away at 90 flatties for the day. On Sunday's trip 12 customers again did great. Hy Brown was high hook with 35 fish, mostly 1 to 1½ pounders. This was on worm and clam. The skipper says that this looks like the best body of flounders thats been seen in a long while, with fish on every drop between the Bay Shore flats and Islip. Fish hit on both tides, best on the flood. They picked a way all day with many people earning the title of "2 pailers".

CAPTREE

Capt Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** says that this is the best start of a flounder season he has seen in the last four years. Saturday's trip saw 13 passengers take nearly 250 keeper flounders. Very few midgets were caught, with most fish going from ½ to 2 lbs. The pool fish Saturday was a 2 pounder and the scene of the action was at Hecksher. Father and son Pete and Mike Petrick had 40 flounders between them. This duo came from Bayonne NJ. Sunday's trip for 16 men resulted in nearly 200 flounders committing suicide. High hook was John Amaro of Islip Ter. with 20 flounder. The pool on Sunday went to Bob Cifarelli of East Islip with 1¾ pounder. Sam Cruez and Mom Angie had over 30 flatties between them. Flood tide was the best but the picking away was steady all day on worm, clam and mussel baits all working pretty much evenly. A very promising beginning said the skipper.

Capt Marty of the new **Jib VII** sailed his first flounder trip of the season on Sunday and had great success with flounders running from ½ to 2 lbs. on clam and worm. Both baits worked equally well on the Hecksher flatfish. Seventy-five keepers was the reward for Pete Bilella of Plainedge and Ken Bedrossian of Astoria.

The **Capt Scotty** happily reported 10 to 15 flounders a man with a few customers getting 20 flounder from ¾ lb. to 1½ lbs. The boat fished off Hecksher State Park with worm and clam and the skipper reports the change of tides produced best. This was Saturday's trip. Fish were as mentioned, decent size and reflect the great jumping off point for the 81 season. Capt George Tweedy had fish on every drop and action was even good in the early part of the day when the waters are colder, which is a super sign. The water temps seem ideal for a very productive flounder season.

Capt Sam of the charterboat **Eleanor** called to say that the boat will be ready to start sailing his trips at the beginning of April. Highlights for the 81 season, says the skipper, will be midnight shark trips which will sail at midnight and return mid-day the following day. The boat is sporting

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examine and re-examine the rules and regulations that are in place at any given moment. We must seek as much beach access as can possibly be provided without stretching the budget and man-power limitations of the Commission so far that conditions can become unsafe and unmanageable at existing access. We must consider the conflict between Commercial fishermen and surf fishermen that has occurred at Montauk and the flagrant abuse of New York State law and Commission regulations that have been alleged to have occurred in western parks.

There is more work to be done. We will keep you up-to-date, as we always have, about our discussions and we need your continued support. May the State Park beaches be alive with fish in 1981.

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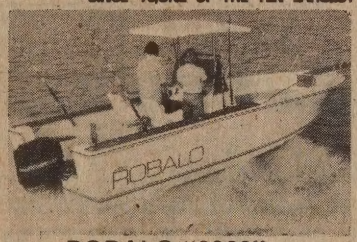

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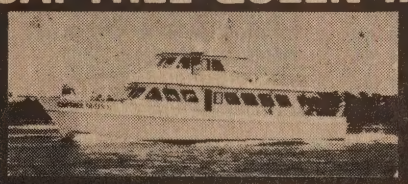

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Capt Dan of the **Capt Joseph II** says that he expects the new boat, and all aluminum super cruiser to arrive in Captree around the end of April or the beginning of May. In the meantime, the **Capt Joseph II** will be on a search and destroy mission daily for flounders. See ad for details.

Capt Roy of the charterboat **Blue Albatross II** called to say that he expects to be in the water soon, splashing in around the beginning of April. He is still putting the finishing touches on the boat in the shipyard and is probably right in the middle of completing the new paint job as you read this.

The big flounder derby being held at Captree amongst the boats, will have daily, weekly and grand prizes. There will be a reward ceremony on May 17th at the Captree Boat Basin. All paying passengers on any Captree open or charter boat will be elegible. The fish must be weighed in on the same day that it is caught at the Captree Bait Station. The daily prize is a $50 tackle box. The weekly 1st prize is a boat rod and reel, $150 value. Runner up received a $75 reel. The flounder derby is being sponsored by Anhauser-Busch Brewing Co. and the Captree Boatmen's Assoc. Grand prize is a $100 bond plus a trophy.

Captain Rod called to report very good flounder fishing on both Saturday and Sunday. Catches ranged anywhere from 10 to 20 keepers per man. Barbara Phillips of Maspeth totalled 27 nice flatties on Saturday's trip. The skipper said that everything looks good for a real fine spring run of flatfish.

BABYLON

Ralph reported from **Augie's Bait and Tackle** that they sold a load of worms over the weekend, but reports were lacking as few anglers returned to report their results. The Shop is completely remodeled and well stocked for the upcoming season. Henceforth, they will be open seven days a week.

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FLOUNDER

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait & Tackle tells of a few flounder starting to be picked up in the State Channel and off the docks at Wellwood Ave and Burgen Ave. Fish are mixed sizes.

SEAFORD

Capt Eddie's Fishing Station called to say that Al and Ed Lorne on Sunday fishing with mussels and worms from the 2nd Bridge toward Squaw Island, boated 19 good keeper flounders up to 1½ lbs. The station now has all bait and has boats in the water. Incoming tide was best this past week with action slowing at both high and low slack.

BELLMORE

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** tells us that flounders are starting to do their thing for anglers working the Jones Beach and Wantagh piers. Catches are picky but there are fish to be had. Boat fishermen working Haunts Creek and Swift Creek with worms, mussels and clam are taking fair catches and Scott says it looks like a good flounder spring coming up.

MERRICK

The infamous G. Korn resumes his adventures with this issue. He announced this week to Jim and George at **Nick's Marina** that his firm promoted him to VP in charge of looking out the window. A big party was held in celebration.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Marina and Fishing Station reports that flounders from ¾ to 1½ lbs. are being caught presently off Boces at Parsonsage Creek. Clam as hook bait seems to be working well but Jack says he will have worms by the weekend.

West End South Shore
★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDER

FREEPORT

Capt Billy Lindroth skippering the **Capt Al** has been working out for fares on flounder and Saturday they caught to the tune of 12 to 15 good keepers a man, with regular Roosevelt Rodgers taking 15 flatties. Sunday's average was 7 to 10 fish a man, also from ½ to 1½ lbs. Bill worked the local creeks and will be hitting Squaw Island during the week. He was unable to fish Squaw on the weekend due to the high tides which didn't allow him to clear the Goose Creek Bridge. Action has been best from high slack to the end of the ebb. The fish are definitely there and are feeding but are fussy. Anglers are doing best on mussels, the softer the better.

Capt Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet** called to say that his charter boats will begin sailing late March and that he still has some day and night bluefish dates open for later on in the season. He will be starting off on charters of spring cod and flounder and the skipper advises that he has some choice week days available also. The graduation parties and moonlight sails will also be a big part of this years program.

POINT LOOKOUT

Charterboat **Marie III** went into the shipyard this week for a final mechanical shape up and woodwork shine up before the season opens up. Capt Dennis's first trip will be the beginning of April and he says this appears to be a great flounder season coming up.

Ed's Fishing Station called to say that a good spot to try for early flounders is Fundy Bay as it was a hot spot prior to the snowstorm of last week. Ed has been receiving lots of calls and will be opening officially Saturday, March 14th.

LONG BEACH

Bernie Haag relayed word from the **Long Beach Sports Marina** that flounder have begun making a decent showing at the Magnolia Pier. First part of incoming tide has produced the best action as has mussels. John Broderick of Oceanside has been doing a nice job in the back creeks of Reynolds Channel using mussels. Bernie added that the marina is all set to go for this coming weekend with the boats shipshape and plenty of bait on hand.

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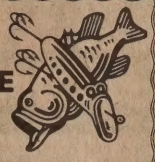

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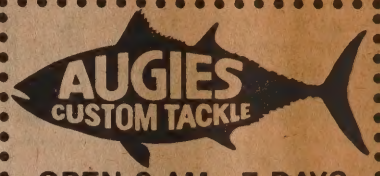

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Captain Tom of the **Pilot II** enjoyed some decent flounder action on Saturday and Sunday. Skipper is fishing the Navesink River and both worms and mussels have been productive. The skipper noted that the **Pilot II** is currently sailing on a daily basis. So come on down and load up on some tasty flounder.

Eric Lippman put away this 141 lb. Pacific sail while on a December trip to Acapulco. Photo courtesy of Merrick Tackle.

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CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle informs us that mixed sizes of flounders are being taken in the Orchard Beach Lagoon, with a lot of the fish being keepers. Jack also advises that the **Bronx Queen** fished Oyster Bay over the weekend and had good catches of flatties in 12' of water. Looks like a good season coming up says Jack.

GREENWICH

Capt Steve Lubrano will be running the Delmar out of the Showboat Inn Dock, Greenwich CT. The first trip of the season will be 8 a.m. for flounders on March 21st. Steve has taken over the duties in the wheelhouse from his father-in-law Capt John Minnitti who will be running the 6 man charterboat **Delmar II**.

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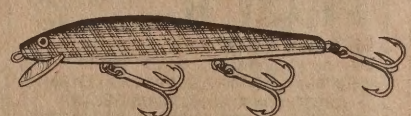

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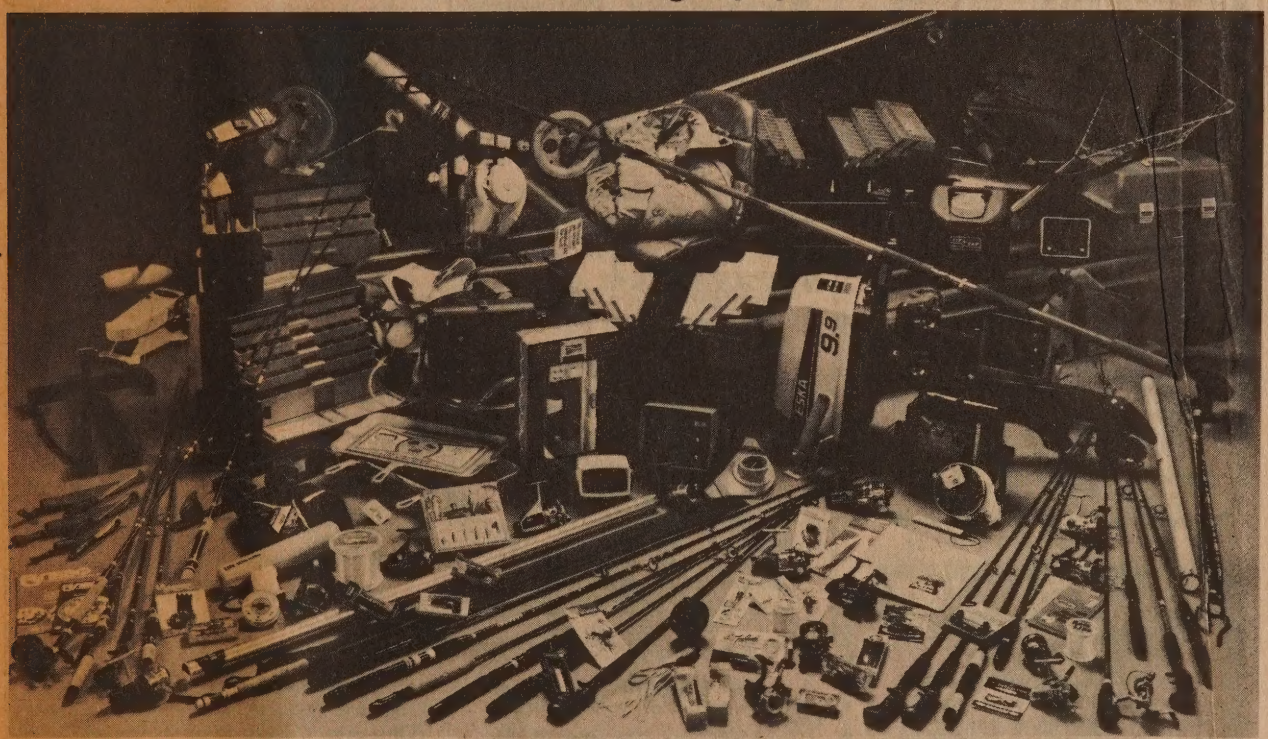

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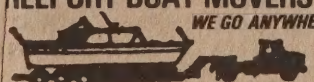
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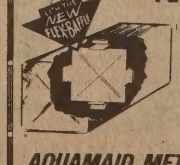

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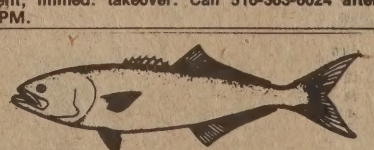

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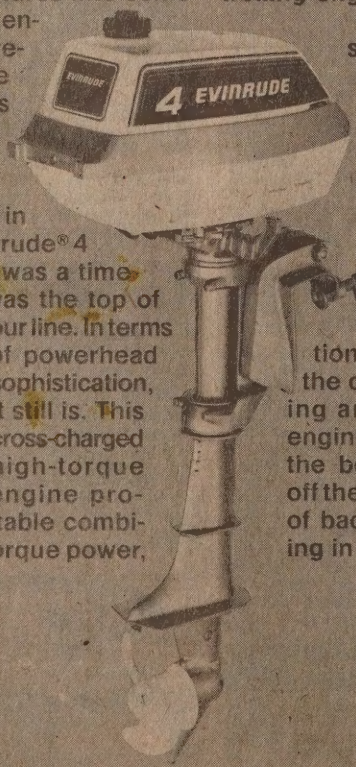

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